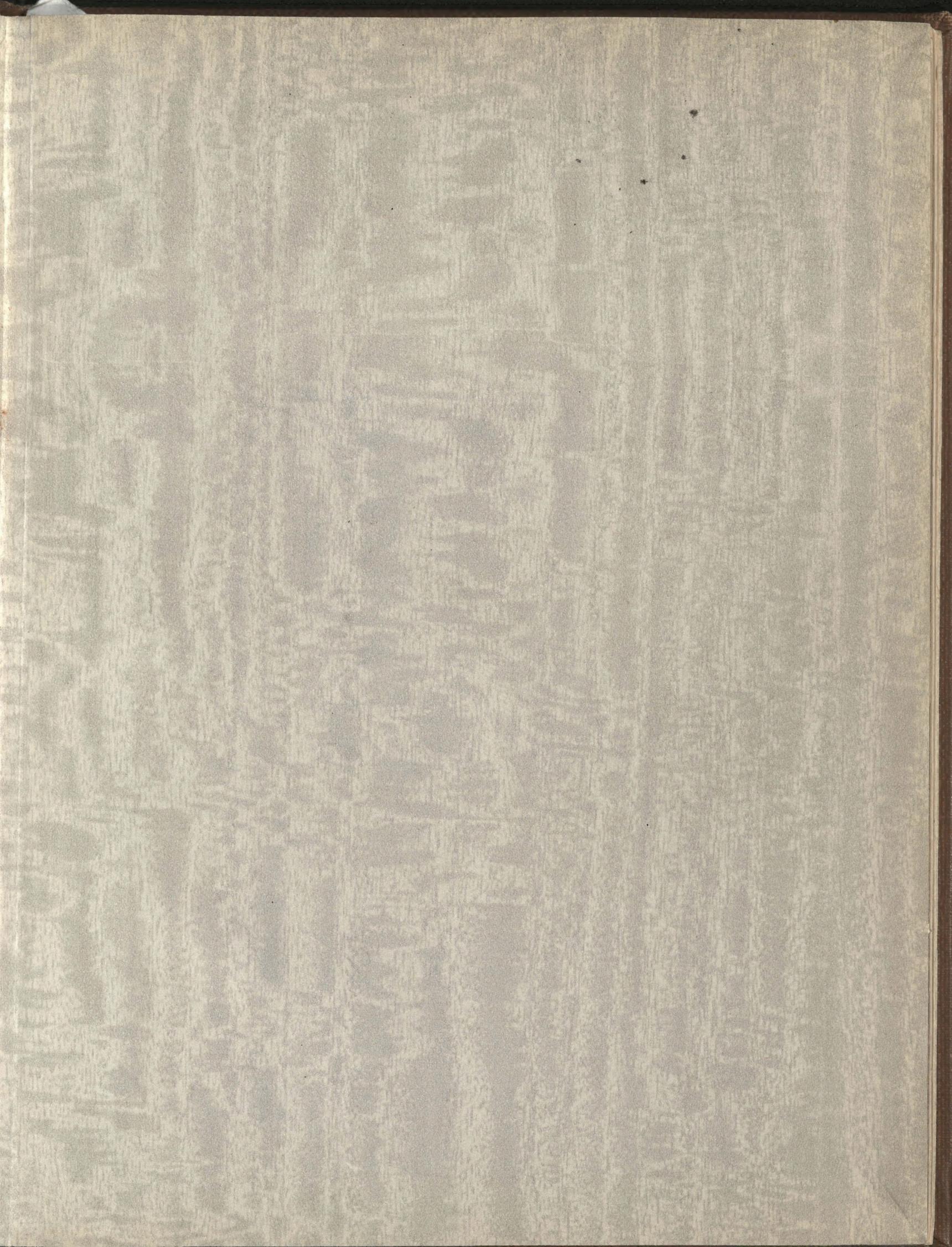


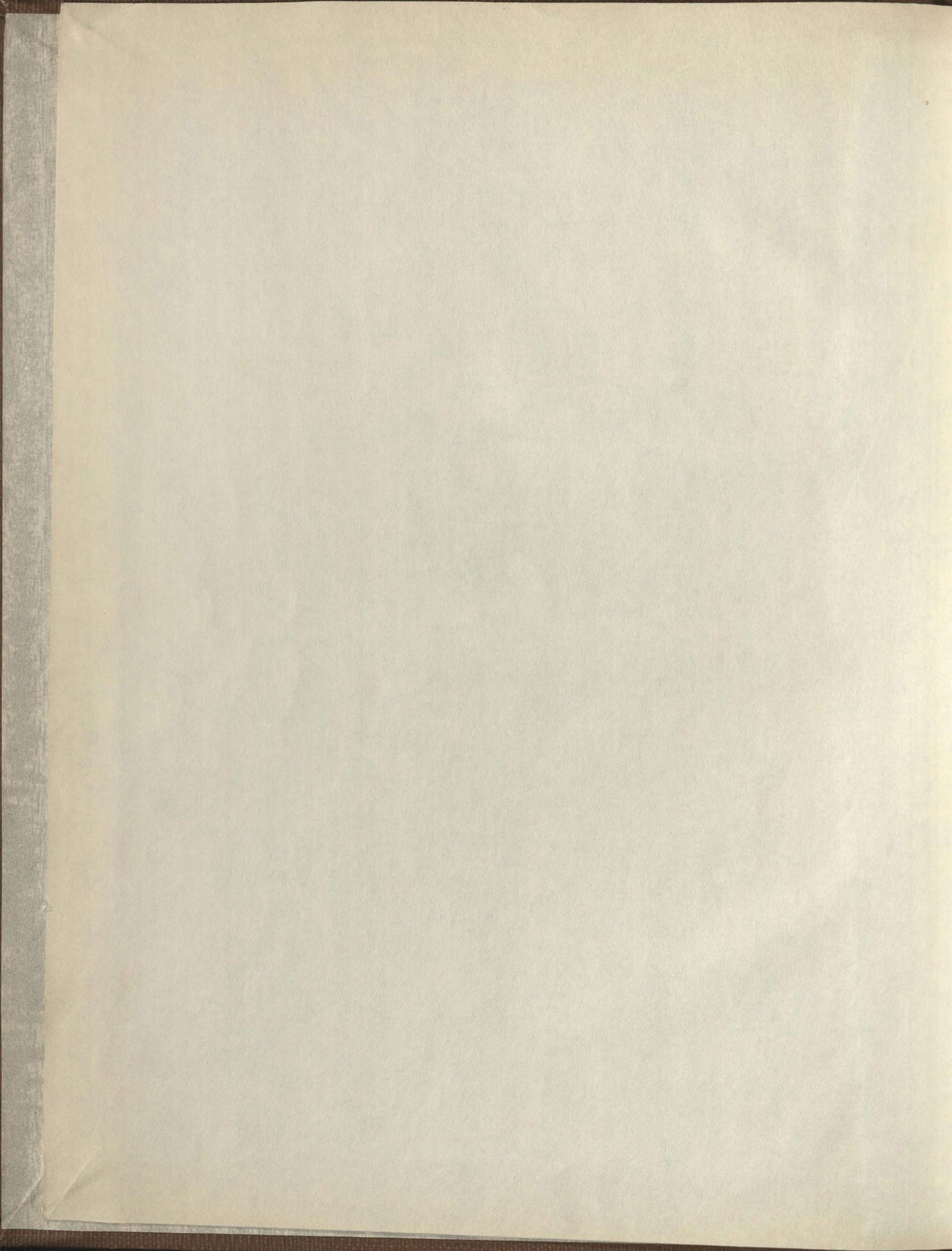
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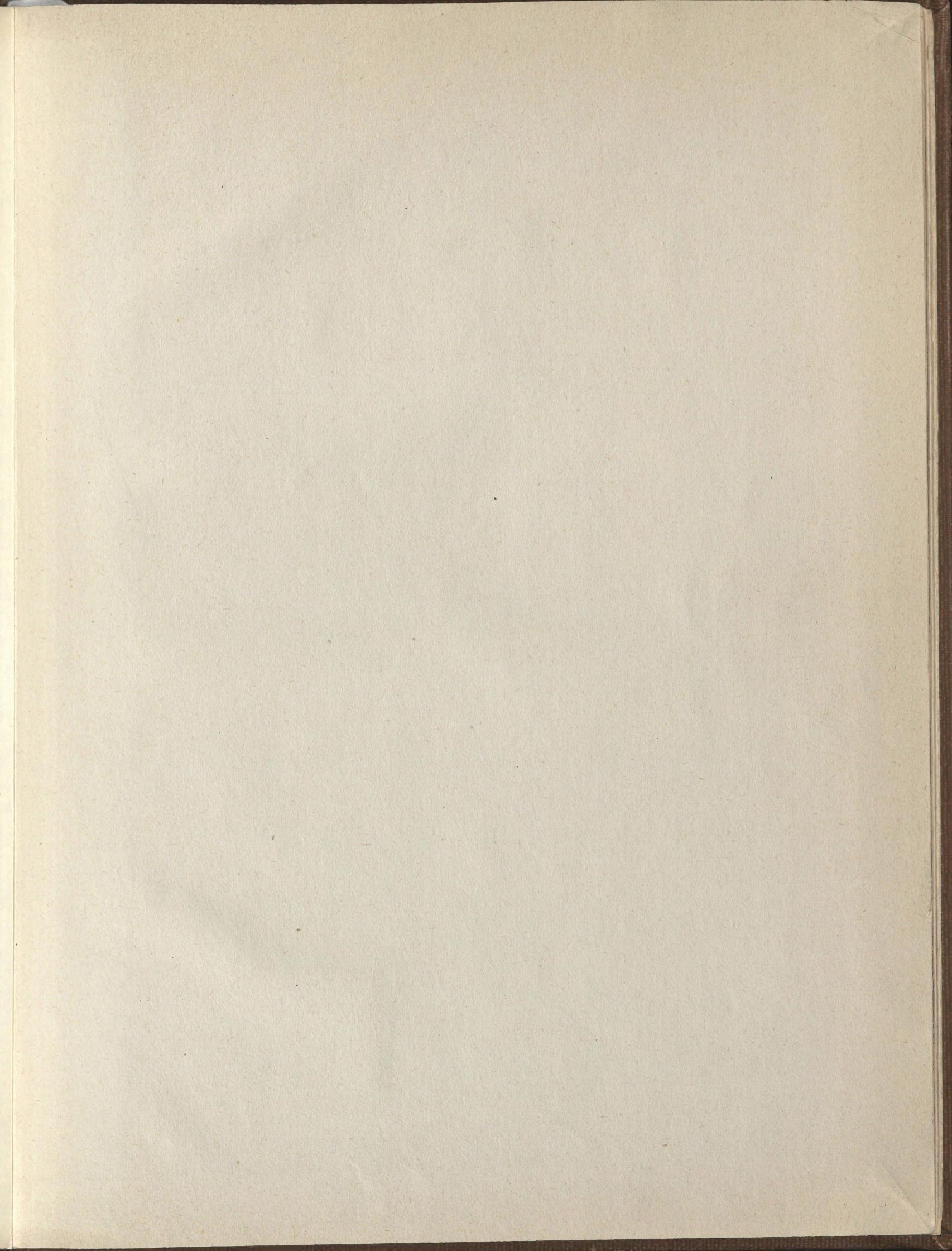
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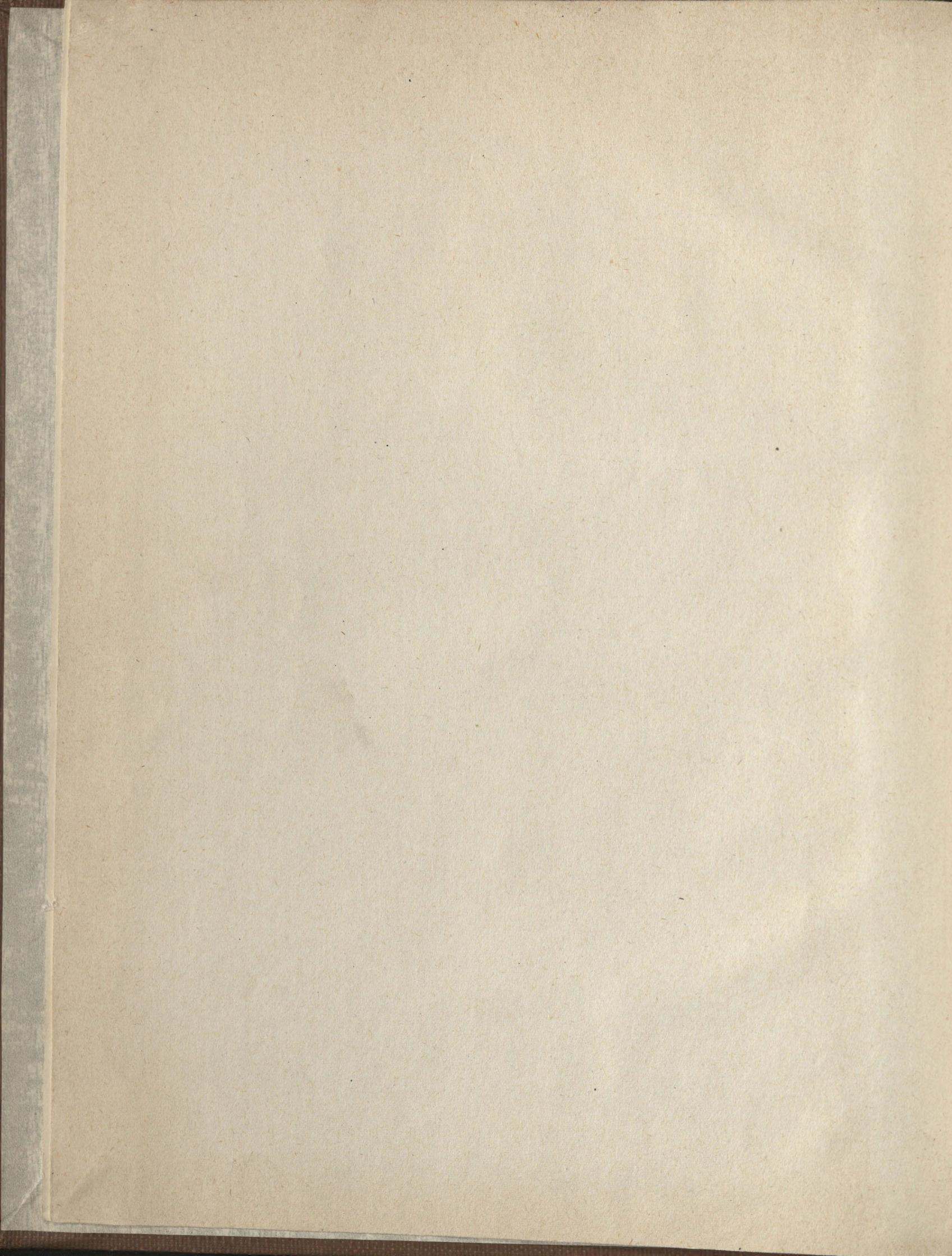


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Commercial History

..... OF

Rushville and Rush County,

...Representing the...

MANUFACTURING, PROFESSIONAL —AND— COMMERCIAL

Interests and Resources of the County in General.

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In presenting this work to the public, the compilers desire to express their appreciation of the liberal support and encouragement they have received from the people of Rushville and Rush County. The publication goes forth bearing upon every page the ineffacable marks of progress and advancement, which have done, and are still doing so much to bring this section of Indiana into prominence as a most promising industrial field. The book is not complete. There are a few—very few—business men who felt that the town would show up to a better advantage without their business being represented. These men, however, were the rare exception, for the major part, those who have the welfare of their town at heart, realized that it, like any business, must be advertised if it would prosper, and sooner or later, as the books fall into the hands of strangers in all parts of the country, it will yield satisfactory and tangible results for the money invested in the enterprise.

It is suggested that persons receiving more than one copy of this book send the surplus copies to relatives, friends, and acquaintances at a distance. By this means the circulation will be wide and effective, and tend to bring the advantages and resources of Rush County directly before the notice of many who otherwise would never gain any knowledge of them.

Since the work went to print some business changes and one death have occurred:

N. Levinson has located his store in Fort Wayne. Chas. Kohlheier has sold his business to a new firm, who are continuing it at the place formerly occupied by him. Death has robbed Rushville of one of its brightest young business men in the person of Wilbur J. Cox. The business will be continued by Mr. Yaukey, under the firm name. J. B. Kemper has retired from the lumber firm of Pinnell & Kemper. The business is now known as the Pinnell Lumber Company.



Introductory

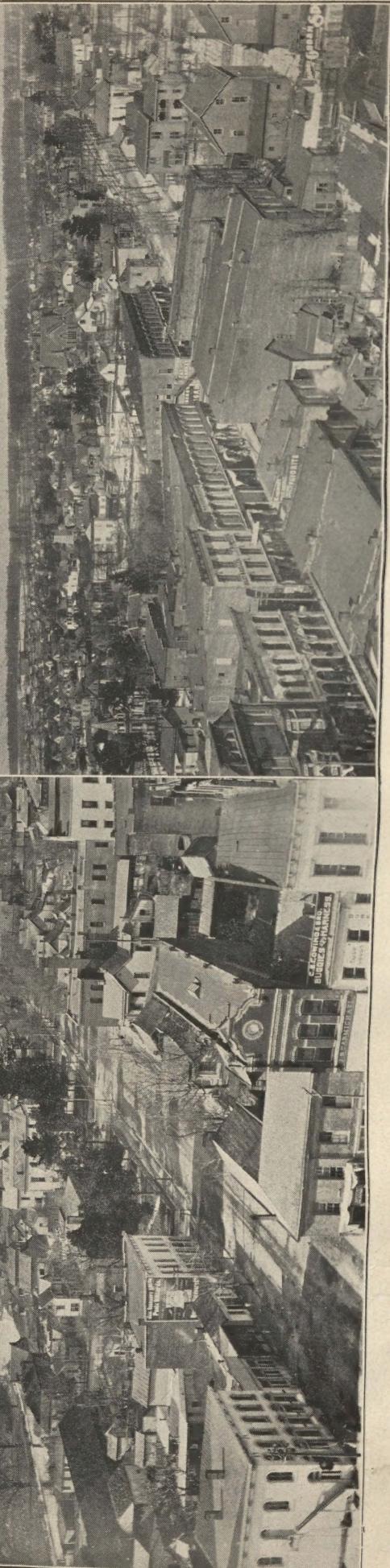
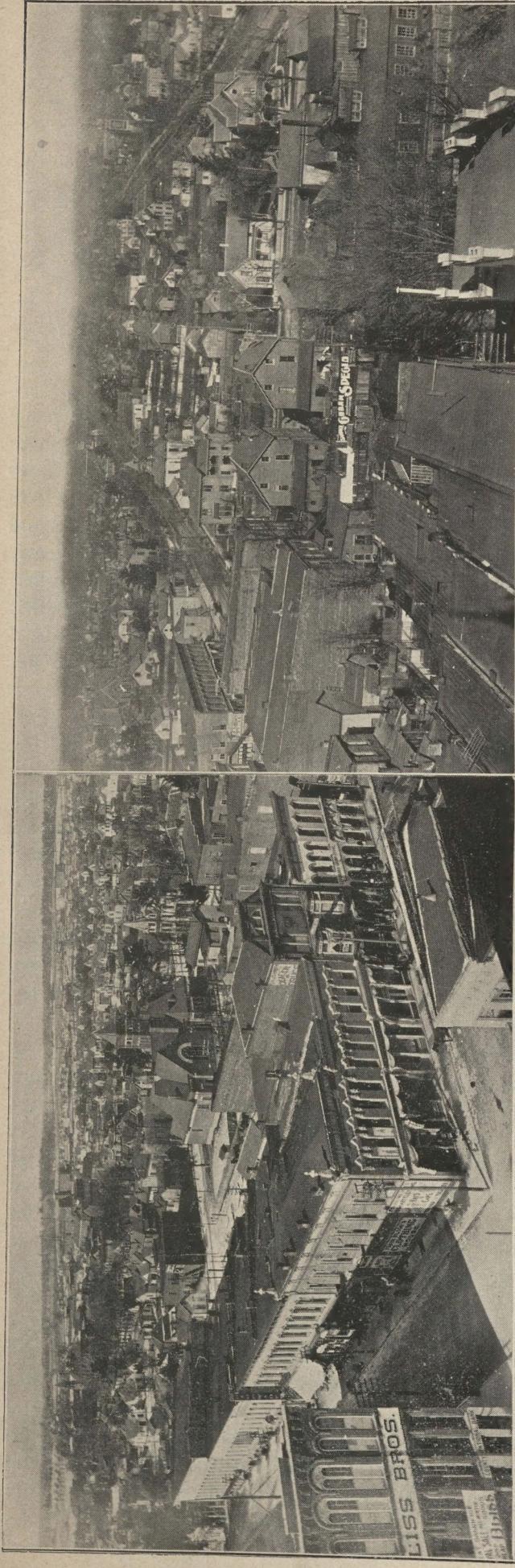
IN SENDING out this book to all parts of the country it is hoped that it will be accepted as an invitation from the citizens of Rushville and Rush County, to the people in general, to visit and inspect the advantages of the grandest county in one the greatest states in the Union. That Rush is the banner county of this state is an undisputed fact. There are few counties in the country more richly endowed. These endowments both natural and acquired, are easily apparent to the stranger, and no one seeking a location, be he manufacturer, capitalist, farmer, mechanic, or home-seeker, can fail to be impressed with what Rush County has to offer. The citizens after years of apathy are just awakening to the inexhaustible and wonderful advantages which are everywhere about them, and a little energy, rightly applied, will be the means of bringing thousands of families to this garden spot of Indiana. Rushville today is practically a commercial center, but with her unequaled railroad facilities for the bringing in of raw material, and the shipping out of manufactured products, there is no reason why she should not be a great manufacturing center, and bring within her borders a mechanical population, which will send prosperity into every avenue of commerce. With excellent sites, which can be had for the asking, surrounded by a productive country, cheap timber, natural gas, free light, free water, exemption from taxation, and railroads reaching out in every direction, where is there a city better prepared than Rushville, to welcome into its midst factories of all descriptions, and give them equal assurances of a successful career? And where is there a city which can offer mechanics a better home? The schools and churches are the best, and vice is curbed to an extent which would enable them to rear their children as they should be, and in addition to this they could have the satisfaction of seeing great wealth equally distributed, instead of locked in the chests of a few. There are no millionaires in Rushville, but the great majority of the people are well-to-do. There is no city of equal size in this entire section, where there are so many handsome and comfortable residences. The first thing that strikes the eye of the visitor accustomed to observation is the absence of the soul-crushing tenement houses, while the multiplied number of comfortable cottages, occupied and owned by the poorer people astonish him. The numerous Building and Loan Associations which operate here make it easy for the working man to own his own home.

The steady westward movement of the population of the United States, is causing many of the large factories of the East to seek locations where they will be near the center of population. Rushville is very near this center, and with the Pennsylvania, Big Four, C., H. & D., and Lake Erie & Western railroad systems, together with their ramifications, where is there to be found a better distributing point. That there is a future for Rushville no one, familiar with the conditions which offer unlimited opportunities for its development, can doubt. It offers a golden opportunity to capital seeking profitable investment, to manufacturers of all description, to wide awake merchants not afraid of competition; and last, but by no means least, to the tiller of the soil. To all of these it can be said that they will here find a congenial people, a healthy climate, rare educational advantages, a rich and productive soil, a low rate of taxation, good roads, and in fact all of the elements of a life of contentment and prosperity.

There is no better method of judging the quality of a town than by judging the quality of the business men who comprise the town, and it is to be hoped that the reader will carefully peruse the following pages.

While this book will in a manner be historical, it is not the purpose of the author to delve deeply into ancient history, but rather to give to the outside world an accurate and unbiased portrayal of the Rushville of to-day. In order to do justice to this work, we give biographical and business sketches of the merchants and professional men who are most prominent in the manipulation of the city's affairs.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEWS OF RUSHVILLE.



HISTORICAL.

Rush County has an area of 23 miles north and south by 18 miles east and west, or 419 square miles. It is bounded on the north by Hancock and Henry counties, on the west by Shelby and Hancock counties, on the east by Fayette and Franklin counties, and on the south by Decatur county. The county was first organized in 1822, and was named in honor of Dr. Benjamin Rush, of Philadelphia. The climate is especially healthy, the altitude being 1,000 feet above the ocean. The towns of the county are Carthage, Milroy, Moscow, Richland, New Salem, Raleigh, Manilla, Homer, Marcellus, Glenwood, Falmouth, Gings, Arlington, and Rushville. The latter which is the most important in size, was organized 75 years ago. The following interesting history of the foundation of Rushville is an extract from a sketch by Dr. John Arnold, one of the county's oldest settlers and ablest historians:

"At a called meeting of the County Commissioners at the house of Dr. W. B. Laughlin, Jan. 17, 1822, the commissioners appointed to locate the county seat, viz.: Robert Luce, Samuel Jack, Train Caldwell and James Delaney, all disinterested and non-residents, made their report, choosing the present site of Rushville. Dr. W. B. Laughlin had donated twenty-five, and Zachariah Hodges forty-five acres to secure the location. This report was adopted. On the next day the Board authorized Conrad Sailors, as agent for the county, to lay out the town in not less than 150 nor more than 200 lots, and to locate the public square. Dr. W. Laughlin, who had surveyed the County, was appointed to plat and survey the town also. This was appropriately named Rushville. The sale of lots was ordered to begin July 29. On the day of sale a number of lots were sold, and at once the merry ringing of the axe, the crash of falling timber was heard, and the smoke and flames from log heaps showed that the ground was being cleared. Then the building of the houses began, generally round or hewed log cabins. Next the public square and principal streets were cleared, though ungraded and full of stumps. In 1822 a jail was built of hewed oak timber twelve inches square, two stories high. This was the first public building. In 1823 a court house was built. It was the old-fashioned square two-story brick building, common all over the state. Its cost was \$2,500.00."

LOCATION.

In the matter of location Rushville is particularly fortunate. It is not so close to any of the great cities of the country as to cripple her in a business way. The nearest is Indianapolis, a distance of forty miles, yet she is within easy reach, of any of the large cities and the active competition among the wholesale mer-

chants of Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis, and Chicago, enable the merchants of this place to keep stocks which compare favorably with those of any large city. Rushville is 83 miles west of Cincinnati, 280 miles east of St. Louis, 230 miles south of Chicago, and 98 miles north of Louisville.

THE PEOPLE.

The growth and development of a town, city or county rests to a very large extent upon its citizens. It has been truthfully said that a town can become no larger than the men who have the shaping of its destiny in their hands. The citizens of Rush County are genial, social, well educated, thrifty, enterprising and energetic. The stranger coming into their midst is made to feel at home, and no one could hope to find a better, or more congenial class as a whole than the people of this section. The citizens are imbued with a spirit of civic pride, and are anxious to welcome new-comers and assist them in enjoying a measure of the prosperity which is their portion.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Socially considered Rushville must be classed as pre-eminently an advanced city. In addition to the churches and schools mentioned elsewhere, there are many societies and fraternities which tend to the advancement, culture and pleasure of her citizens. If there be one thing upon which the residents pride themselves, it is the advanced condition of their social institutions. The women of Rushville are abreast of the times in all that relates to woman's work, and in this city she has taken an active part, in the cause of religion, the promotion of education, the advancement of social and musical culture, the upbuilding of character, and the uplifting of mankind from the grosser and more sordid things of life. In addition to numerous secret and benevolent societies, the Social Club is a prominent factor to those in quest of a pleasant evening with their fellows. The membership comprises fifty of the city's prominent business and professional men.

CHURCHES.

There are few cities which have more beautiful church edifices than Rushville. The denominations represented are the Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian, Catholic and United Presbyterian.

WATER WORKS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The city of Rushville owns her water works system and electric light plant. Both are practically self-sustaining. Both plants are recent acquisitions, having been completed in the spring of 1896. The water is the purest and healthiest

which it is possible to procure as it is drawn from a system of wells. This is thoroughly distributed over the city, there being fourteen miles of mains. Thirty-six arc and 1,600 incandescent lights are being used by the city and the private consumers.

FIRE PROTECTION.

The city of Rushville is well protected against damage by fire, and the insurance rate is consequently low. In addition to one hundred plugs scattered throughout the city, there are two fire engines, ready for instant use. The city owns 1,500 feet of hose, and has a regularly employed department of fourteen men of which I. S. Ford is the chief.

TAXATION.

The rate of taxation in Rush County, is comparatively low, and there is every reason to believe that it will further decrease as the county has completed buying the pikes in the county and making of them free roads, and has also established at a heavy expense a complete drainage system throughout the county. The maximum county tax is \$1.71, and the minimum \$1.23, with an average of about \$1.32.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

Much of the enterprise noticeable in Rushville is due to the efficiency and hustling proclivities of the city government. Within the last year they have greatly beautified the city by laying a large number of blocks of granitoid pavement. This, together with the work of improving the streets, will be pushed forward in the early spring. The following is the roster of the city officials; Mayor, J. A. Armstrong; City Clerk, W. G. McVay; Treasurer, J. K. Mattox; City Attorney, J. Q. Thomas; Marshall, T. B. Monjar. Councilmen, S. A. Glore, John Huffman, Philip Heeb, John Readle, J. T. Kitchen, Edward Young.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Within the near future Rushville is destined to experience a great forward movement. A spirit of progress and emulation has sprung up among the active business men, the culmination of which was the organization of a Commercial Club. These men realize that the city needs factories, and they will go to any reasonable length to secure them. Most of the industries it possesses have been born, nurtured and developed here. Failure has been almost unknown among these business men, panics have passed by leaving scarcely a trace of their course. The city is progressive, yet conservative, and this organization is not for the purpose of booming Rushville, but to materially assist in its growth and development.

The Club proposes to brush the cobwebs from the Rushville of yesterday,

THE CHURCHES OF RUSHVILLE.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

METHODIST CHURCH.
CATHOLIC CHURCH.



SECOND WARD SCHOOL BUILDING.



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

take an active interest in the Rushville of to-day, and build up the Rushville of tomorrow. That they will succeed is a foregone conclusion. They have started right. They have chosen as their officers men who are hustling, wide awake and progressive, and a spirit of unity and harmony prevails which is bound to be conducive of much good. This Commercial Club does not propose nor expect to accomplish their work in a day nor a week, but they have made a start in the right direction, and they extend a most cordial invitation to every factory, and every proposed enterprise in the country to communicate with them, no matter how small or how large this industry may be. Let your wants be known to them, and they will endeavor to assist you. They also invite correspondence from farmers, stock-breeders, and home-seekers, and those of the latter class are assured of the same degree of consideration, which will be extended to the largest manufacturer. Letters addressed to J. L. Stone, President, or R. F. Scudder, Secretary, will be answered promptly and information relative to Rushville or Rush County cheerfully furnished. The various committees of the Club are as follows:

Committee on Rules and City Affairs.—C. S. Spritz, Chairman; Geo. Aultman, W. A. Caldwell, Ed. Crosby, F. G. Hackleman.

Committee on Membership and Public Policy.—John P. Huffman, Chairman; Frank Wilson, C. W. Burt, Dr. W. C. Smith, R. F. Scudder.

Committee on Manufacturing.—Wm. Frazee, Chairman; W. A. Allen, A. R. Holden, Z. E. Manzy, U. D. Cole.

Committee on Legislation.—L. D. Guffin, Chairman; W. J. Henley, B. L. Smith, J. B. Reeves, J. W. Thompkins.

Committee on Statistics and Information.—J. F. Moses, Chairman; J. A. Armstrong, R. W. Cox, Geo. C. Wyatt, Dr. J. A. Spurrier.

Committee on Commerce.—John P. Frazee, Chairman; E. A. Payne, C. F. Felton, Geo. W. Young, M. R. Hull.

Reception and Entertainment.—Tom Riggs, Chairman; C. Camborn, T. W. Betker, Homer Havens, C. A. Mauzey, J. E. Watson, Dan Murphy, A. B. Irvin, Dr. J. C. Sexton.

Committee on Insurance and Public Entertainment.—Al. Denning, Chairman; A. L. Aldridge, J. A. Titsworth, Dr. D. H. Dean, W. G. McVay, J. B. Schristie, W. S. Meredith, J. M. Quinn, N. G. Levison, Thos. Sullivan, Geo. Wingerter, J. B. Doll, L. Neutzenhelger.

Committee on Advertising.—Wm. M. Bliss, Chairman; Wm. E. Havens, F. B. Johnson, L. M. Sexton, Gates Sexton.

Executive and Finance Committee.—E. D. Pugh, Chairman; W. M. Bliss, O. L. Carr, Edwin Payne, R. A. Innis.

Committee on Arbitration.—L. Link, Chairman; Edward Young, J. M. Stevens, B. W. Riley, Thos. M. Green.

Committee on Real Estate.—Edwin Payne, Chairman; F. G. Hackleman, Chas. Hugo, David Graham, W. E. Wallace.

Committee on Transportation.—R. A. Innis, Chairman; S. L. Innis, J. M. Newhouse, Dr. W. N. Megee, Nathan Weeks.

BRIEF FACTS.

Rushville has a population of over 5,000.

Rush county has the finest Court House in the state.

The price of property of all description is steadily advancing.

Rushville owns its own water works and electric light plants.

The city has three large grain elevators and two flouring mills.

Empty business blocks, or residence houses are unknown here.

There are in Rushville three natural and one artificial gas companies.

The population has nearly doubled since the taking of the last census.

Rushville has fourteen factories all running full time and doing well.

More wheat was raised in Rush county during the past year than in any county in the state.

More commercial travelers "make" Rushville, than any town of equal size in Indiana.

Natural gas is used almost entirely as fuel, and the city is clean, and a desirable residence city.

The Adams, U. S., American, and B. & O. express companies have offices here.

The wealth of the county is more evenly distributed here than in any other county in the state.

Four of the country's leading trunk lines penetrate the city and give it unequalled railroad facilities.

There have been fewer business failures in Rushville during the late depression, than in any of her sister cities.

Rush county rivals the Blue Grass section of Kentucky for the number and quality of fine horses raised and shipped.

In Rushville you can enjoy the benefits of the telephone at the nominal cost of 80 cents per month. Two companies operate here, the Home, a local co-operative company, and the Bell.



RUSH COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

THE SCHOOLS.

If there is one thing more than another upon which the citizens of Rushville and Rush County pride themselves, it is their schools. The people have realized the importance of properly educating their children, and neither pains nor expense has been spared in perfecting the system. Within this county there are eighty-seven school houses, and according to the last school enumeration the attendance is about 4,000. A. L. Gary is the county superintendent. Rushville has two graded schools known as the First and Third ward schools. The buildings which are shown in illustrations are large and conveniently adapted to the purpose for which they were constructed. The present School Board is composed of S. L. Innis, President, John Megee, Secretary, Theodore H. Reed, Treasurer. Under their excellent administration the educational affairs of the city have prospered, and if the past be a criterion of the future, the advancement of the public school system will continue until further improvement be difficult. The direct management of the schools devolves upon Samuel Aberscrombie, Superintendent, who has served in this capacity for years and is popular and efficient. He is assisted by W. C. Barnhart, Principal; A. F. Stewart and Jay Mertz, Assistants. The corps of teachers employed in the city schools are Charlotte Sleeth, Maggie Cassady, Pet Meredith, Mabel Bonnell, Maggie Shawhan, Anna Fisher, Jessie Spann, Helen Finkbine, Ellen Madden, Alma Odear, Anna Cunningham, Belle Gregg, Cora Vance, May Meredith, Maggie Fleehart, Celia Campbell, Andra Schmid.

The township teachers are:

CENTER TOWNSHIP.—L. A. Hufford, Principal; Lizzie Ernay, Elbert Atkins, Charles Griffin, Charles Thompson, Delle Randall, Josie Clawson, Fred Rhodes.

CARTHAGE SCHOOLS.—J. Edwin Jay, Superintendent; J. F. Evans, Principal High School; Sarah Hathaway, Assistant in High School; Mrs. Helen Hughes, Pearl Meredith, Roberta Harris, Jesse Fry, Addie Coffin.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP.—T. M. Greenlee, Grace Downey, Frank Billings, Mrs. Marcia Oneal, Orlando Randall, A. T. Lewark.

RIPLEY TOWNSHIP.—J. M. Binford, Principal; Walnut Ridge; Nina Newsom, Walnut Ridge; Myrtle Bundy, Pauline Bundy, Emma Ernest, Mrs. Lizzie Cox, Mrs. Avery Rawls, Louisa Wadkins.

ORANGE TOWNSHIP.—W. E. Major, Principal; Solon Tevis, Clarence Tevis, Frank Stevens, Linna Waggoner, Mrs. Nettie Piper, Harry Alter, George Hardesty, Charley Honey.

NOBLE TOWNSHIP.—M. Effie Coleman, Principal; Georgia Morris, Mrs. May Wellman, Lucy Guffin, J. R. Hargitt, Charles Brooks, Maggie McKee, Owen E. Long.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP.—O. Staley, Principal; E. L. Culbertson, Jessie Larimore, Bertha Bunker, Eliza Miles, Allie Greenwood, Alfred Hall.

UNION TOWNSHIP.—A. M. Taylor, Principal at Glenwood; James Sheedy, Principal at Gings; Walter Carson, Lida McMillin, Hortense Crago, Angeline Coleman, G. N. Logan, Olive Ochiltree, Bert Davis, Haddie McCorkle.

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP.—J. L. Shauck, Principal; Della McKee, Lizzie Booth, Joseph Stevens, Flora Boling, D. F. Jackman, Laura Boling, Will Newbold, Mattie Harrison, Zella White, Erma Nordmeyer.

RUSHVILLE TOWNSHIP.—Minnie Murphy, Nina Ford, John F. Peck, Edgar VanHook, D. O. Louden, H. E. Jones, Delphia Dawson, Maggie Hiner, Greely McCarty, Thomas Coleman.

POSEY TOWNSHIP.—M. G. Benjamin, Principal; Mrs. Emma Benjamin, Laura Alexander, Nelle Cassady, George Moore, Eugene Macy, Lee Macy, E. B. Collins, S. H. Craig, Rebecca Dora, Ed N. Williams, William Marshall.

WALKER TOWNSHIP.—V. E. Lawark, Principal; Eva Hinchman, I. B. Gruell, Mrs. Mary Gruell, Flora Farlow, Anna Burch, E. E. Worth, Edgar Stires, Mrs. Ida Plummer, J. W. Arbuckle, L. B. Mather, Pearl Hungerford.

RICHMOND TOWNSHIP.—Frank I. Walker, May Henderson, Emma Terhune, May Ralston, Lula Harry, Esther Ralston, Mary McLaughlin.

COURT HOUSE.

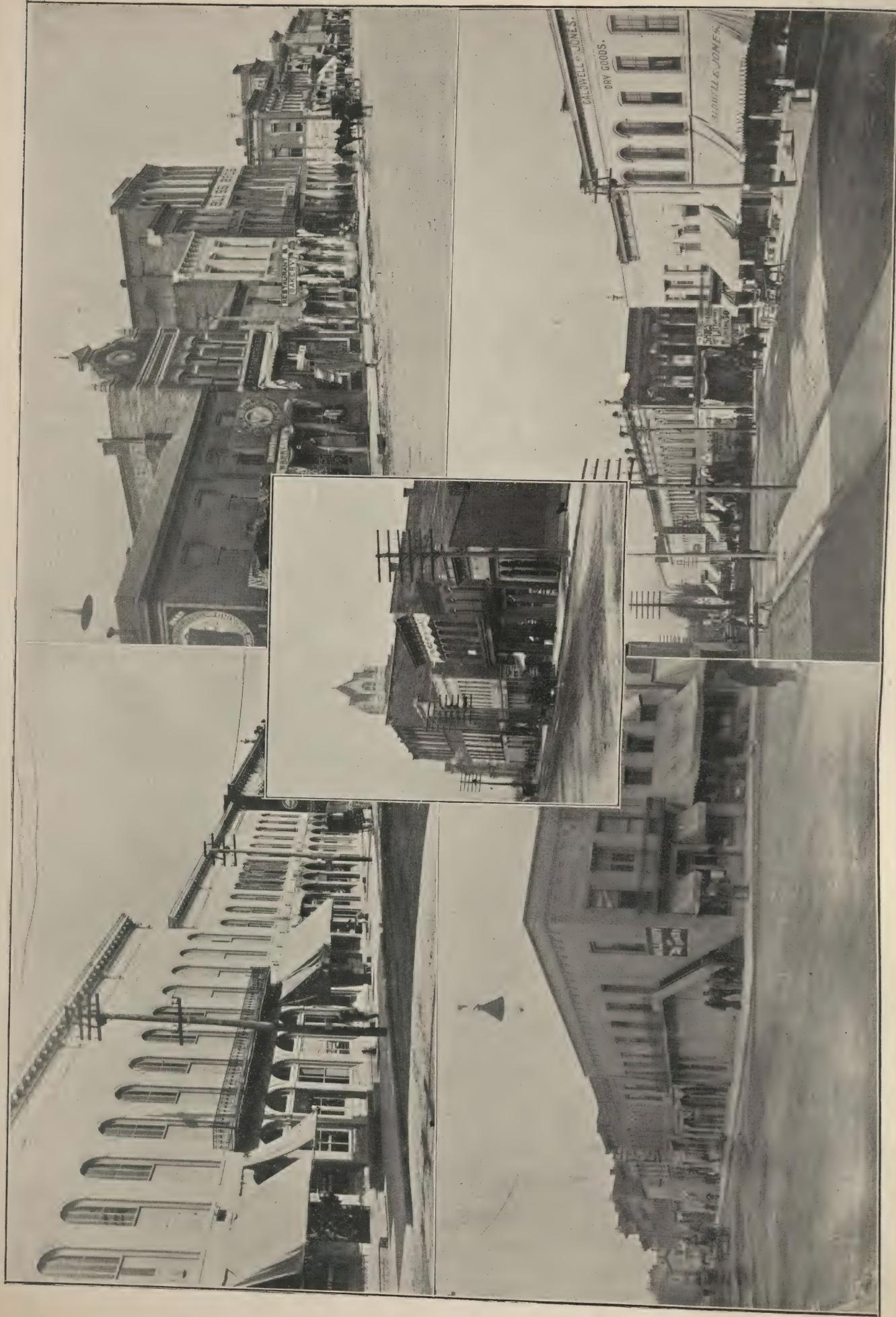
There is no safer way to gauge the citizens of a town or city than by inspecting the public property of that town or city. Fine public buildings are the reflex of public-spirited men, and stamp the community in which they exist as an active and enterprising one. Go into a city where the public buildings are dwarfed or poorly constructed, and you will find a city where progression is dead and civic pride unknown. In this particular Rushville is well in the van, and to-day she can proudly boast of the finest court house in the State of Indiana. Her citizens can throw wide open the gates of the city and invite inspection and comparison with any of the architectural structures of her rival sister cities without fear of the consequences. And regardless of what other counties may do in the future, she can rest assured that she will never need to blush because of the appearance of the home of her county officials. The accompanying illustrations afford but a meagre idea of the magnificence of the building, and its interior arrangement and equipment.

The building is not only handsome but substantial, absolutely fire proof, and from cellar to garret the construction is faultless. The contract for the building of this house was let on the 5th day of

March, 1896, by the Board of County Commissioners, then composed of Wm. W. Innis, Allen Hinchman and Calvin B. Jones to P. H. McCormack & Co., a prominent firm of contractors and builders, located at Columbus, this state. This firm secured the contract for the sole reason that they were the lowest of the large number of competitive bidders, and the Rushville court house bears no tinge of the political construction which has robbed the taxpayers of so many of Indiana counties of the possibility of an honest job of building. All who have inspected the work are unanimous in the opinion that the county got the full worth of the money expended, and the contractors may well feel proud of the record they have made here. The building is constructed of stone, brick, steel, marble and cement, and as the wood work is confined to the doors, windows, sash and casements, it is absolutely fire proof. The dimensions are 158x104 feet, and from the floor of the basement to the top of the flag pole is 196 feet. It contains fifty-two rooms of various sizes, and each official is provided with a private office, vaults, wash and toilet rooms, etc. In addition to offices for the Auditor, Treasurer, Clerk, Recorder, Assessor, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Sheriff, there is on the first floor a large audience room which will be used as a meeting place for Farmers' Institutes, etc. The office of the County Superintendent is arranged with desks and seats for the holding of Teachers' Institutes. On the third floor is the court room, and all of its accessories, including private rooms for the Judge and Sheriff. Large and elegantly arranged rooms for witnesses, jury, grand jury, lawyers, etc., together with a spacious public law library. These rooms are all furnished with the finest of quartered oak furniture and fixtures, and the cases, cabinets and vaults are all of steel.

The frame of this court house is of heavy steel, the walls stone, the floors and ceilings are what is known as the hollow tile, flat arch construction. The floors are Mosiac and Venetian Mosiac, the wainscoting, pilasters, panels of ceiling in entrances, and soffits, are of marble—the Florentine, Mosaic, Lyonaise, Knoxville and Italian varieties being used; the roof is of red inter-locking tile; heat is supplied by steam, and the lighting by both electricity and gas. In fact the building is complete in every detail, and nothing is missing which could be wished for. It is certainly a masterpiece and reflects great credit not only upon the citizens who were the prime movers in its construction, through their agents the commissioners, but on A. W. Rush & Son, the architects, P. H. McCormack & Co., the contractors and A. L. Stewart, the superintendent of construction, who represented the Commissioners.

VIEWS OF FIVE OF RUSHVILLE'S BUSINESS STREETS.





P. H. McCORMACK.

P. H. McCORMACK & CO.

(PHIL. WILK AND W. F. COATS.)

In connection with the Rushville Court House, which is just now attracting so much attention in all parts of the State, it would not be inappropriate to make some mention of the firm which has had in its hands the construction of this magnificent structure. The present firm of P. H. McCormack & Company was organized for the purpose of building this Court House, and with the completion and delivery of the work, it ceased to be. The members of the firm were P. H. McCormack, Phil Wilk, and W. F. Coats. P. H. McCormack, the senior member of this firm, is too well known to need any introduction at the hands of the author of this work. He stands in the front ranks of the large contractors of the country, and has in all probability built a greater number of public buildings than any builder now actively engaged in the business, and the reputation he has gained is such that his name has become a guarantee of honest and conscientious work. He is what is commonly known as a heavy contractor, and makes a specialty of that class of work which comprises court-houses, jails, city halls, opera houses, asylums, churches, etc. Prominent among the buildings of this class which he has erected are the large asylums at Evansville and Logansport, Court Houses at Crawfordsville, Columbus, Anderson, Nashville, Washington, Daviss County, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Clarksville, Tenn. The Rose Polytechnic School at Terre Haute, the large cell house at the Indiana Reformatory at Jeffersonville, St. Benedict's German Catholic Church at Terre Haute, besides government work on the locks of the Tennessee river. His career has been a most successful one, and the record he has made during twenty-nine years of active participation in the business is one which he can re-

view with pride. The Rushville Court House is by no means the largest job in which he has been interested, but it is one of the best, and he feels a natural and just pride in its perfectness. Mr. McCormack's home is at Columbus, Indiana, where he is a large property owner, and one of that city's most enterprising business men. He has been a resident of Columbus since 1871, but as he is a very busy man much of his time is spent away from his home. He is at present figuring on several large contracts for public buildings, which will be erected in this and neighboring states.

Phil. Wilk, the second member of the firm, while by far the youngest of the trio has taken no minor part in the construction of this magnificent building. He is active and energetic and naturally adapted to the business. He was the constructor of that portion of the building above the third floor, unques-

Coats, who have gained a position of prominence in contracting circles. In addition to contracting, this firm has gained an enviable reputation as wood workers, and their factory at Columbus, is one of the busiest in this section of the country. They manufacture all sizes and styles of flooring, window casings, sills, sash, doors, blinds, plain and ornamental fixtures, etc., and handle a complete line of builder's supplies. All of the wood work of the Court House is their work and it is but a fair sample of the high class of work upon which they have built their reputation. They have sub-contracted for the wood work on many of the largest contracts ever let in this state. The Anderson Court House, the factory work of the cell house of the Indiana Reformatory are a few of the many other jobs of similar character which might be mentioned in this connection. This firm makes a specialty of fine residences, school houses and churches, and in this class of work there is probably no firm in the state that has been more successful. For over twenty years the firm has been in existence and in that time have erected hundreds of buildings not only in and about Columbus, but in Indianapolis, Lawrenceburg, Attica, Madison, Seymour, and other cities. Both of the gentlemen comprising the firm are practical men at the business, and they personally superintend the carrying out of all their contracts. After securing the contract for the Rushville Court House, Mr. Coats brought his family here, and for the past two years has been a resident of Rushville. He, together with Mr. Wilk, have been here continuously, and from the time the first stone was laid, have exercised a general superintendence of the work.

During their two years stay in Rushville all three of the gentlemen interested in the contract made a host of warm friends and the citizens regret their departure.



PHIL WILK.

tionally one of the hardest sections of the entire building to erect. In addition to work done as superintendent of construction he was bookkeeper for the firm, a work which is difficult and to which is attached thousands of details. Mr. Wilk's experience in this line of work extends over a period of ten years. He began his career as a book, stock, and time-keeper for contractors, but later began contracting for himself in the South. He has several times before been associated with Mr. McCormack in works of various magnitude. Mr. Wilk and Mr. Coats have made this city their home during the construction of the Court House. Prior to going South he was a resident of this city and he will continue his residence here for an indefinite period.

W. F. Coats, the third member of the firm is also a resident of Columbus, where he is engaged in the contracting and building business on a large scale. He is a member of the firm of Dunlap &



W. F. COATS.



Entrance to Third Floor.
Entrance to Second Floor.
Treasurer's Office.

INTERIOR RUSH COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Private Office.

Corridor, Third Floor.
Court Room.
Corridor, First Floor.



A. W. RUSH.

A. W. RUSH & SON.

Foremost among the reasons why the citizens of Rush County have a faultless court house is because when it was decided that one must be built, the county commissioners showed superior business tact in securing the services of an architect and designer who is acknowledged to be a leader in this difficult class of work. The result of this policy is shown in the building. Beauty, strength, convenience and general harmony are characteristics which mark every portion of the building, and expert judges of architecture are loud in their praise of the firm who conceived the design for this magnificent structure. As designers and architects, A. W. Rush & Son have no peers in this country, and their work in this county is but another success added to the hundreds they have achieved since their entrance into this field of labor twenty-eight years ago. The senior

member of the firm has spent the best years of his life in perfecting himself in every detail of this work, and in that time has designed and erected buildings of prominence in nearly every state in the Union north of the Mason and Dixon's line. For a number of years he did a successful business at Chicago, but nine years ago removed to Grand Rapids, Mich. His reputation, however, was made and followed him to his Michigan home, and he was frequently recalled to the Illinois metropolis, and to the city of New York as well, and within recent years has designed and erected some of the handsomest and largest buildings in these two cities. Indiana, too, learned of the important part this firm was taking in the beautifying of sister states and ever progressive as she always is, she too made demands upon the time and talent of Rush & Son. So frequent were these calls that Mr. Rush found it necessary to establish an Indiana office. An office has been opened in the Baldwin block at Indianapolis, but the style of the firm has been slightly changed by the admission to partnership of W. N. Bowman. The new firm being known as Rush, Bowman & Rush. This however, does not effect the firm of A. W. Rush & Son, who will continue their work as heretofore at Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids office is in charge of E. A. Rush, who is recognized as one of the best if not the best designer in the country. He was born and reared in the business, and at the celebrated Columbian College he received the finishing touches of his education. The same duties which he performs at Grand Rapids are attended to in Indianapolis by Mr. Bowman, who is also a designer of extraordinary ability. Mr. A. W. Rush, who is a thorough and practical business man, devotes his time to the general superintendence of the work in course of construction. A large number of officials and other interested parties have recently visited and inspected the Rushville Court House, and so pleased were they with the work that this firm are now being kept busy making plans for buildings of similar design to be erected within the near future in several of the neighboring cities and counties. The firm have for some years past made a specialty of public buildings of all descriptions.

A. L. STEWART.

Conspicuous among the young men of Rushville, who have attained a marked degree of success is the subject of this sketch, A. L. Stewart. Mr. Stewart is essentially a self-made man, and while young in years is numbered among the substantial business men of Rushville. During the construction of the new court house he was employed by the county commissioners as their representative, and as superintendent of construction, discharged the multitudinous duties of this



W. N. BOWMAN.

office in a manner which was not only entirely satisfactory to the commissioners and citizens, but highly pleasing to the contractors and architects as well. Mr. Stewart is a natural designer and draftsman, and his thorough knowledge of civil engineering made his services of more than ordinary value. He laid out the ground work for the building and made the plans for the boiler house and tunnel and side walk, and did all of the civil engineering required in the construction. The contractor complimented him as being one of the most thorough superintendents he had met with in all of his experience. A. L. Stewart is a native of Rush county, having been born here on the farm of his father Simeon H. Stewart, February 2, 1869. His early education was obtained in the county schools. After reaching man's estate a course in civil engineering was taken at Purdue University, and in 1892, he was elected to the office of county surveyor.



E. A. RUSH.



A. L. STEWART.

He served in this capacity for four years. During these years by shrewd investment and the exercise of superior business judgment he materially built up his store of worldly goods. He is the owner of one of the most productive farms in Noble township, and within the past few weeks sold his interest in one of the finest drug stores in the city. Mr. Stewart was married October 3, 1895, to Miss Cora Hertzler, of this city, and to the union one child has been born. As yet Mr. Stewart is undecided what his future will be, but it is highly probable that he will engage in the business which he has followed for the past two years as he has received several flattering offers from parties who are anxious to secure his services for work of this kind.



WM. W. INNIS.

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There is no elective office within the gift of the people which is of more importance than that of County Commissioner. And this county has never had a more conscientious or industrious representative on the board than the subject of this sketch, Wm. W. Innis. Mr. Innis was one of the gentlemen who was responsible for the erection of the elegant new Court House which has just been completed, and it is needless to say he is justly proud of it. There is probably few men in the county better known than Mr. Innis, he was born and raised within its borders. He is the oldest son of Jas. Innis, and was born on his father's farm, August 9, 1847. After receiving an education in the county schools he applied himself to farming, and in 1873 purchased land and has since that time farmed for himself. In November, 1872, he was married to Miss Laura Patton, and to the union one child was born who is now grown and is the wife of Grant Thomas. Mrs. Innis died July 29, 1877. The Innis farm which consists of two hundred acres of the most fertile land in the county, is situated a mile north east

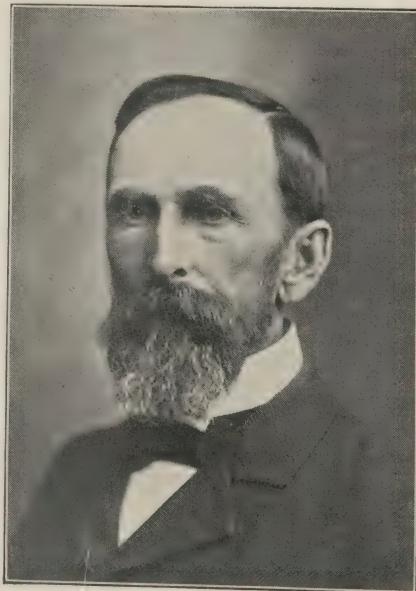


ALLEN HINCHMAN.

of Milroy. Mr. Innis, is a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner. After the expiration of his present term he will retire to private life as the duties incumbent upon the office have in a manner been irksome, and he will not be a candidate for re-election. It is interesting in this connection to note that the father of the subject of this sketch served as a commissioner here during the war.

ALLEN HINCHMAN.

County Commissioner Allen Hinchman, was born on what is known as the Hinchman homestead, eight miles from Rushville, February 3rd, 1836. His early education was obtained in the county schools, and in 1858 he began



CALVIN B. JONES.

farming for himself, and has followed the vocation uninterruptedly since. He has met with a marked degree of success and he is today farming nearly 400 acres of productive soil, half of which is located in this and half in Fayette County.

December 22, 1858, Mr. Hirchman was married to Miss Nancy J. Moffet, of Fayette County. Five children have blessed the union, two sons and three daughters, all grown. The daughters are married, and are Mrs. Albert Rich, of this county, Mrs. Milton Smiley, of Tipton County, Mrs. Marion McCann, of Rushville. In 1895, he was selected by the republicans of his district to represent them on the Board of County Commissioners. His term has been an active one, and he has faithfully fulfilled the trust imposed in him. He is an officer and member of the Christian Church.



MRS. MINERVA JONES.

CALVIN B. JONES.

(Signature)
Ex-County Commissioner Calvin B. Jones, was born on his father's farm in the State of North Carolina, February 10, 1835. His father, Jas. Jones, left North Carolina in 1835, and settled in Trible County, Ohio. In 1841 he removed to this state, locating in Etna. Young Jones stayed with his parents, helping them on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he secured a license to teach, and for a number of years taught school in this state. In 1870 he purchased a farm in this county, and located here. In 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Porter, of this county, and to the union five children have been born, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are now grown. Mr. Jones is a republican, and was the first trustee ever elected in Jackson township on that ticket. As a farmer he has been successful, and his farm is among the best in the county. His light and heat are supplied by a natural gas well on his farm, which he owns. Mr. Jones is broad gauged in his views, and his election to the office of county commissioner in 1895 had much to do with the erection of the elegant new court house as he was a warm advocate, not only of building a new court house, but of building one which would reflect credit upon his constituency.



RUSH COUNTY JAIL.

MAX JENNINGS.

There is no part of the newly built Court House, which has attracted more attention, or excited more curiosity than the roof. The roof is what is known as the Normandy interlocking tile, and for strength and durability it excels all other forms of roofing. The work was done



HOME OF THE RUSHVILLE SOCIAL CLUB.

Bates Street School at Logansport. Catholic Colleges at Rensselaer and Oldenburg. St. Mary's Catholic Church, Huntington; St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Terre Haute; St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lafayette; Methodist Church, and Baptist Church, Delphi; and First Presbyterian Church, Logansport. Court Houses at Delphi, Logansport, Winamac, Rochester, and Rushville. Mess Hall and Barracks Nos. 9 and 10, Soldiers' Home at Marion. Boiles' House and Dynamo and Engine House, University of Illinois at Urbana, Ill. Wabash Memorial Hall, at Wabash; Assembly Hall and Wards Nos. 10 and 11, Northern Indiana Hospital for Insane, Masonic Temple, Barnett Hotel, and Pan Handle Freight Depot, at Logansport; and Culver Military Academy at Culver, Ind.

Mr. Jennings is a practical man at the business, having spent his life since the age of twelve in perfecting himself in this line of work. He has gained a reputation as a close buyer and a close bidder, and if all of the contracts he undertakes give as good satisfaction as the one at Rushville, his future success is assured. In addition to the laying of roofing, tile, slate, tin and iron, and the placing of steel ceilings, Mr. Jennings is also engaged in the manufacture of galvanized iron and copper cornices.



MAX JENNINGS.

by Max Jennings of Logansport, who is acknowledged to be the peer of any man engaged in similar business in the state, and his success during the past ten years has been something wonderful. During that time, although a young man he has successfully executed several of the largest contracts ever let in this section of the country. Conspicuous among which might be mentioned: St. Mary's High School Building at Huntington, High School Buildings at Winamac, N. Judson, Kouts, Cartersburg, Danville, Lowell, Ambia, Akron, Earl Park, and Rochester. St. Vincent DePaul High School, Logansport High School, Sixteenth Street School, South Side School, Central School, Pratt Street School, and

prominence during the World's Fair, where his work on several of the largest buildings at this great exposition attracted universal attention and admiration. He has done work in nearly all of the principal cities of the country, and is at present figuring on several large contracts on public buildings. In this connection it is interesting to note that the majority



WILLIAM G. ANDREWS.

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The Commissioners of Rush County showed superior judgment, when upon the completion of the court house they immediately made a contract to have the interior of the building frescoed, for the fresco artists who have had charge of the work have had much to do with beautifying and lending to the attractiveness of the building. The contract for this work was let to William G. Andrews, of Clinton, Iowa, and it is needless to say that the commissioners and citizens are highly pleased with the manner in which he has discharged his contract.

Mr. Andrews gained considerable

of large contracts which Mr. Andrews has secured, have been awarded, not because he was the lowest bidder, but because of his reputation for doing the best work. While comparatively young in years, Mr. Andrews is old in experience, having spent nearly his entire life in perfecting himself in this line of work. He personally superintends all contracts, and as he executes all designs they are always original and attractive. Within the last year Mr. Andrews has frescoed court houses at Washington, Hampton, and Clinton, Iowa, Eureka and Rock Island, Ill., and Rensselaer and Rushville, Indiana, being the best buildings constructed in the West during that time.



WM. L. PRICE.

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No more popular sheriff than Wm. L. Price, who was elected in November, 1896, ever served this county. This is evinced by the fact that he secured the nomination in the face of the severest kind of political rivalry, and under adverse circumstances. At the time of announcing himself as a candidate, he was advised by friends not to make the race, as a majority of the county officials were from Mr. Price's home township—Anderson. In spite of this, he entered the fight, and with nine other candidates in the field, secured the nomination and was elected. Although hotly contested he won solely on his merits as a man and party worker, without spending one cent for intoxicants with which to influence votes. The success in life which Mr. Price has attained is well deserved, for he has reached his present position solely through his own efforts, and is in every sense of the word a self-made man. Born of humble parentage, his early life was a severe struggle, and at the age of fourteen he left the parental



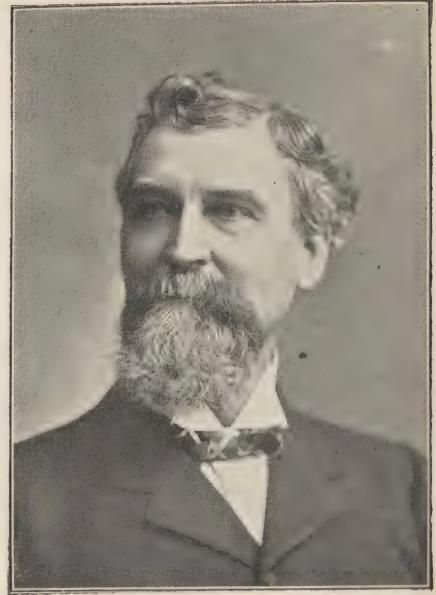
MRS. WM. L. PRICE.

roof to seek his own livelihood. He hired out as a farm hand, and by diligence, thrift and economy accumulated some money, which by profitable investment, enabled him to build himself up. As Sheriff he has conducted the office in a satisfactory manner, and it is safe to say that he will be returned to the office for a second time, with little opposition. Wm. L. Price was born in Jennings County, on the farm of his father, Jas. D. Price, January 22nd, 1856. When a boy he attended the county schools and Vernon High School.

In 1876 his family removed to this county and shortly afterwards he purchased a tract of land in Anderson township and began farming. While farming, Mr. Price paid special attention to the raising of fine draft horses and roadsters, and gained quite a reputation as a breeder. He was appointed supervisor of Anderson township, and served in this capacity seven years, resigning to take his present office, November 19, 1896. He was married August 15, 1878, to Miss Sarah E. Harlan, of this county, and to this union five children have been born. Mr. Price is a member of the Odd Fellows, Masons and Improved Order of Redmen.

WILSON T. JACKSON.

One of the most popular official acts of Sheriff Price, upon entering upon the duties of his office was the retention of Wilson T. Jackson as deputy. There are few men in the county better known or better liked. For over a quarter of a century he has been serving the public in various capacities and in all that time has discharged his duties in a manner highly creditable to himself and gratifying to the citizens. For sixteen years he was Justice of the Peace of Washington Township, and for three successive terms the citizens of Rushville selected him as their chief executive. He was one of the best mayors the city ever had, and during his administration many needed improvements and reforms were inaugurated. When B. L. McFarland was made Sheriff in 1892, Mr. Jackson was selected as deputy, and served four years. Wilson T. Jackson was born on his father's farm in Washington Township, this county, January 6, 1844, and received his education in the country schools. When the call was made for volunteers to fight for the preservation of the Union, he enlisted as a member of Company I, 84th Indiana Infantry and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He is now quartermaster of the local G. A. R. Post. He is also a member of Masonic Fraternity, a Knight Templar, K. of P. and Redman. Sept. 6, 1866, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Dorothy E. Martin and to this union two children have been born, both daughters.



WILSON T. JACKSON.

ERNEST B. THOMAS.

Ernest B. Thomas, recorder of Rush County, was born at the home of his father, Samuel C. Thomas, in Milroy, this county, Nov. 25, 1867. His father is a practicing physician at that place and is one of the best known men in the county. After receiving such education as was obtainable in the public schools of Milroy, he was sent to the college at Moore's Hill. He left this college in 1886 and the following year taught school in Rush County. In the spring of 1887 he located in Cimarron, Kansas, where he accepted a position as book-keeper for the St. John & Marsh Lumber Co., one of the largest corporations of that state. After being thus engaged for one year he returned to Indiana and entered the Sophomore class at DePauw University at Greencastle. For one year he pursued his studies in this school but



E. A. THOMAS.



A. L. GARY.

was compelled on account of his health to abandon them and seek the health giving atmosphere of the West. He relocated in Kansas, this time at Topeka and again went to work for the firm with which he had formerly been connected. From Topeka he went to Salt Lake City and then returned to his Milroy home, where in 1891 he entered into partnership with W. L. McKee in the hardware business, and for four years devoted himself to its development. During this time he took an active interest in politics and served as committeeman from Anderson township. In 1894 he was urged to make the race for recorder. To this he finally consented and with several other candidates in the field he entered the lists and received the nomination and election. During his term in office he has gained the reputation of being one of the most competent and obliging public officials the county has ever known. Mr. Thomas is a Mason, Knight of Pythias, and Redman and a member of the Methodist Church. March 4, 1891 he was married to Miss Glen Wheeler of Dillsboro, Ind., and to this union one child has been born, a daughter.

A. L. GARY.

There are few young men more deserving of success than A. L. Gary, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Rush County. Mr. Gary has by perseverance, pluck and diligence, overcome what seemed like almost unsurmountable obstacles and has gained a position of prominence in his chosen profession. He is the son of Rev. T. B. Gary, the methodist divine of this county. He was born on his father's farm near Henderson, March 7, 1868. His early life was spent in work upon the farm and attending school during the winter months. After receiving the best education to be had in the country schools, he spent one year in the Wayne County Normal School.

He was very anxious to obtain a higher education, but, as he was entirely dependent upon his own resources it was a difficult matter. In order to pay for a collegiate course he secured a license to teach, and for five years taught school in this and Hendricks Counties. By strict economy and self-denial he accumulated some money, and in 1889 entered the preparatory schools at DePauw University. While attending college he spent such time as he could spare from his studies, in farm work, and during the World's Fair served as a Columbian Guard. The money which he earned in this way enabled him to complete the course, and in June, 1895, he graduated with high honors. After graduating he accepted a position as teacher in this county. In June, 1897, he presented his name to the County Board of Education composed of the trustees of the various townships as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent and was elected.



ARVEL R. HERKLESS.

He took his office immediately after his election and since that time has discharged its duties in a creditable manner. Mr. Gary is devoted to the cause of education, and proposes during his term to spare no pains in advancing educational interests in the county. The subject of this sketch is not married, but with his two sisters maintains a charming house in the city.

ARVEL R. HERKLESS.

Arvel R. Herkless, surveyor of Rush County, was born on the farm of his father, John B. Herkless, in this county, December 1, 1867. His early education was obtained in the county schools, but at the age of eighteen he entered the freshman class of the agricultural course at Purdue University. After pursuing his studies for two years, he left school and for two years was absent. During this time he visited the mother country, where he

bought sheep for his father who is one of the most extensive breeders of fine sheep in the county. Upon his return he again took up his studies at Purdue, this time entering the class in civil engineering. He graduated in 1892, and in 1896 he received the republican nomination as surveyor, and was elected. Mr. Herkless is considered one of the best civil engineers in this part of the state, and has frequent calls to do work outside of the county. He superintended the laying of the mains for the Knightstown water works plant, and made the survey and grade for the cement works of that city, besides much other work of a similar character.

His term of office expires this year, and he will be a candidate to succeed himself, and as the manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office have been entirely satisfactory to the citizens, he will in all probability be re-elected.

Mr. Herkless is also engaged quite extensively in the real estate business.

H. C. THOMPSON.

H. C. Thompson, treasurer of Rush County, was born Aug. 16, 1837, in Noble Township, this county. His father, John P. Thompson was a Christian minister and organized the first church of this denomination in the county. Being one of the pioneers of this section, he was subjected to many hardships, and in addition to preaching the Gospel, the elder Thompson engaged in farming. The early education of the subject of this sketch was obtained in the county schools, and after attaining his majority, he engaged in farming in Noble Township. Mr. Thompson has always been an active worker in the ranks of the republican party and in 1894 was selected



H. C. THOMPSON.

to serve the county as its treasurer. He was re-elected in 1896 and during his four years in office has made one of the most efficient and obliging officials the county has ever had. He is ably assisted in this work by his deputy, Mr. James Newhouse. Mr. Thompson was married in November, 1856, to Miss Margaret E. Wilson, and to this union eight children have been born, six are now living, and all are grown. The oldest son, Omer C., is engaged in the grain business at Sexton; the second son, Charles, is a teacher in the public schools of this county; another, Wm. H. who is a graduate of the college at Valparaiso is the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Centralia, Washington. The oldest daughter is the wife of Geo. McBride, a prosperous farmer of this county. The second daughter is the wife of Howard Carmichael of this city, and the other child lives at home with its parents. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Christian Church. He has, during his term of office, resided in this city, but recently removed to his farm.

JAMES M. NEWHOUSE.

James M. Newhouse, deputy treasurer of Rush County is a native of this county having been born on the farm of his father Alfred M. Newhouse, November 13, 1855. He received his early education in the county schools and completed it in the schools of Terre Haute and the Normal College at Valparaiso. After leaving the Normal he taught school in this county for twelve years. In 1884 he took charge of his father's farm and for ten years conducted it successfully, but in 1894 upon the election of H. C. Thompson as treasurer Mr. Newhouse disposed of his farming interests to accept the position of deputy under him. A better selection could not have been made. He has also been appointed deputy postmaster by A. V. Spivey and



JAMES M. NEWHOUSE.

upon the completion of his term he will assume the duties of this office. Mr. Newhouse was married April 20, 1881, to Miss May Atherton of this county and to the union one son has been born. Mr. Newhouse lives in a comfortable home on north Main street. He is a member of the Christian church and the Improved Order of Redmen.

WM. DAGLER.

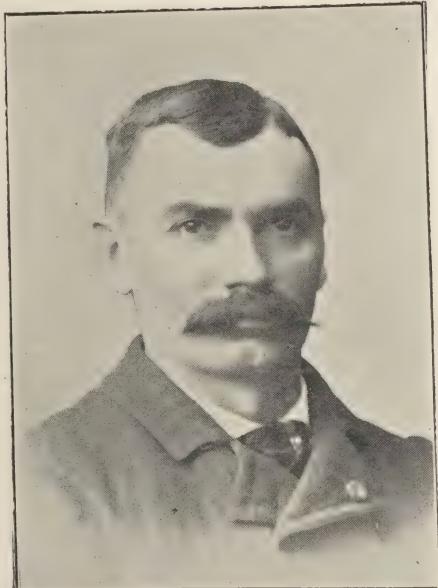
Rush County has for years enjoyed the distinction of being the home of trotting and thoroughbred horses in this state, and it is safe to say that more horses which have gained national reputations have been either raised or handled here than in all the other counties of the state combined. There are few men in the county who has done more to bring about this result than the subject of this sketch, Wm. Dagler. For fifteen years or more Mr. Dagler has been actively



MRS. WM. DAGLER.

bred sires as Wimbledon by Belmont and the imported percheron horse Persan, 8946 (15,795), which when imported sold for the unusually long price of \$3,500.00.

Mr. Dagler certainly deserves credit for the success he has attained. Starting in life with no capital other than an endless supply of energy and pluck, indomitable courage, honesty and perseverance, he has encountered the severest difficulties and mastered them. He has each year added to his store of worldly goods, and has within the past few years purchased and thoroughly stocked a large farm which is considered one of the finest in the county. He resides one-half mile east of the city of Rushville on the Rushville and Glenwood pike.



WM. DAGLER.

engaged in this line of work and during that time has made for himself a reputation of which he may feel justly proud. He is known in all parts of the country where racing is carried on, and has handled horses for many of the leading turfmen of the country, among whom might be mentioned, Richard Fitzgerald, the railroad magnate, Swift Bros., the millionaire pork packers of Chicago, J. A. Quay of Penn., J. C. Duber, Canton, Ohio, Henry B. Ray of Pittsburg, Pa., and others. He is one of the few men in this section who have achieved success in the stock raising business, and has by thrift, diligence and enterprise, established himself as one of the most substantial and prosperous breeders in the county. In addition to the large number of horses he is handling for other parties, Mr. Dagler always has on hand a large number of well-bred and promising roadsters. Among his stock horses are such magnificent individuals and grandly

Wm. Dagler was born in Germany, November 2d, 1852, son of William and Mary (Foegle) Dagler, both natives of Germany. Our subject attended school but little, but has always been characterized by unusual natural intelligence and sound judgment. After coming to America he settled in this county where he has since resided. For his first year's work in this county he received \$40.00, and for the second \$75.00. His marriage occurred Jan. 1st, 1874, to Miss Isslo King, born in Rush County, Ind. in 1853. With this estimable lady their domestic life has been a most happy one. They have six children, viz: Charles, Stella, William, John, Frederick, Clayton. Mr. Dagler is a republican and a member of the Royal Arcanum Lodge. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. This family enjoy the fullest respect and confidence of all who know them.

THOMAS M. GREEN.

Thomas M. Green, Clerk of the Rush County Circuit Court, was born at Milroy, September 16, 1853. He is a son of Samuel Green, who at the time of the birth of the subject of this sketch was a prosperous merchant of that city. He later disposed of this business and engaged in farming. The schooling of our subject was obtained in the county schools and the Knightstown high school. After leaving high school he entered the freshman class at the State University, where in 1873, he completed his education. After leaving school he entered the law office of Judge Holeman at Indianapolis, as a student. In 1875 he located in Rushville, and spent two years with the law firm of Sleeth & Study, after which he opened an office of his own, and for two years practiced at the bar with a marked degree of success, but in 1878 was compelled to give it up on account of failing health. After relinquishing the practice of law, he opened a hardware store and for ten years was numbered among the city's most successful and progressive merchants. Mr.

Telephone Co., and at a recent meeting of the directors of the Rushville Furniture Company was elected president of this concern. He is a member of the U. P. Church. Mr. Green has made one of the most painstaking clerks the country has ever had, and his administration is highly gratifying to his constituents.

M. L. SISSON.

M. L. Sisson is one of the Board of County Commissioners who accepted the new Court House. He is the most recent acquisition to the board and was not connected with this body at the time of contracting for the work, but since entering upon his official duties has been active in guarding the interests of the county tax payers. He was elected to serve the people of his district in November, 1896, but did not take his seat until December of the following year. Mr. Sisson is a native of Rush county, having been born on his father's farm in Center Township, Sept. 17th, 1845. He secured what education was obtainable at the county schools, but at the early age of eighteen, began farming for him-

WILL. S. MEREDITH.

There are few men in Rush County who are better known or more popular than Ex-Postmaster William S. Meredith. As a citizen and public official his record has been one which he can review with pride and pleasure. Mr. Meridith was born in Rushville, December 13th, 1852. He is the eldest son of Thomas J. and Margaret C. Meredith. After receiving a common school education, he attended the Central Normal College at Danville, this state, and after leaving there completed his education at the Richmond Normal College. In 1874 the subject of this sketch secured license to teach and taught school in this county continuously until June 1st, 1887. As a teacher he was noted for his conscientious devotion to his profession and as an efficient instructor. At the expiration of this term he was elected to fill the important office of County Superintendent, and during his term of office had much to do with the advancement of the cause of education in this county. After retiring from this office, Mr. Meredith engaged in the Insurance



THOMAS M. GREEN.



M. L. SISSON.



WILL S. MEREDITH.

Green has always taken an active interest in politics, and has been a recognized leader in the republican party. In 1886 he represented the people of this district in the state legislature. There has been no campaign since the date of his residence in Rushville in which he has not been an energetic participant and he has four times served the party whose principles he espouses as their county chairman. In 1892 he made the race for clerk and was elected, and re-elected in 1896 to succeed himself. Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Anna D. Foxworthy, of this county, and to this union four children have been born, three sons and one daughter. Together with his family he resides in an attractive home of his own on Clark Avenue. Mr. Green is interested in several of the city's substantial enterprises, being a director of the People's Gas Co., and the Home

self. He has since followed this vocation continuously, and is numbered among the county's most successful farmers. Feb. 10th, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy E. Harrold, of Henry county. To this union three sons were born who are now grown, and two of them are in business. The oldest son Ernest is practicing medicine in Indianapolis. Everette, the second son is located in Chicago where he is engaged as business manager of the Interior. The third son Fred, is at home with his parents. The subject of this sketch is a veteran of the late war, having served his country as a member of Company A, 139 Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted at the age of eighteen. His farm which comprises 132 acres of as productive soil as there is in Rush county, is located twelve miles from Rushville, near the Henry County line.

business, and in that line of business he was very successful. The subject of this sketch has of recent years been a prominent factor in the Democratic politics of the county and it is safe to say that few men of the political faith which he espouses, wield a greater influence. He is a natural leader and is at present serving as Chairman of the County Central Committee. When in 1894, Grover Cleveland was elected president, he attested his parties appreciation of Mr. Meredith's services by naming him as post-master of Rushville, which position he filled with efficiency. It is no exaggeration to say that no man ever went out of office in Rush County with more friends and fewer enemies among all classes than Mr. Meredith. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Odd Fellows order.

BLISS & COWING.



BLISS & COWING'S CLOTHING HOUSE.

RUSHVILLE is particularly fortunate in the matter of clothing stores. The leading firm—Bliss & Cowing—carry a stock both for style and quality, that cannot be excelled in any of the large city stores. There is not one town in the United States the size of Rushville, that has a clothing store which is as complete in every detail, and does the volume of business as that done by this firm. This firm has always been a hard worker to bring trade to Rushville, and their efforts, as far as their own business is concerned, has been crowned with some degree of success. They do business on strictly a One Price

Cash Basis, showing no favors to any particular one, but treating everybody alike. As they sell only for cash they are in a position to give you the very lowest prices on what they have to sell. They are fortunately situated in buying goods cheap, as they belong to one of the largest clothing buying syndicates in the west. This syndicate is composed of only large buyers, such as Bliss, Swain & Co., of Indianapolis; B. C. Brice & Bro., Columbus, O.; Keller, Fudge & Brice, Muncie, Ind., and Bliss & Cowing, Rushville. This syndicate buys in one year, goods amounting to almost seven hundred thousand dollars.

This business was established in 1882 by Geo. Bliss and Frank Wilson, under the firm name of Bliss & Wilson. Two years later Wm. M. Bliss, who was head clerk for the firm, was admitted to partnership and the name changed to Bliss Bros. & Wilson. This firm continued until 1890, when the retirement of Mr. Wilson occurred and for the two years



WILLIAM M. BLISS.

following, the business was conducted under the name of Bliss Bros. In 1892, Geo. Bliss, disposed of his interest in the store here to Will Bliss, who continued uninterrupted until March of this year, when he admitted to partnership Joseph Cowing.

William M. Bliss was born at Cynthiana, Ky., May 9th, 1858. He is a member of the Commercial Club, Masonic Fraternity, Knights of Pythias, Redmen, Royal Arcanum and Woodmen. October 27th, 1896, he was married to Miss Florence Bowman, of Connersville.

Joseph L. Cowing was born at Andersonville, September 8th, 1862. He was married May 5th, 1897, to Miss Jennie Beale, of this city and to this union one child was born—a son. He is a Mason and officer in the Presbyterian Church.

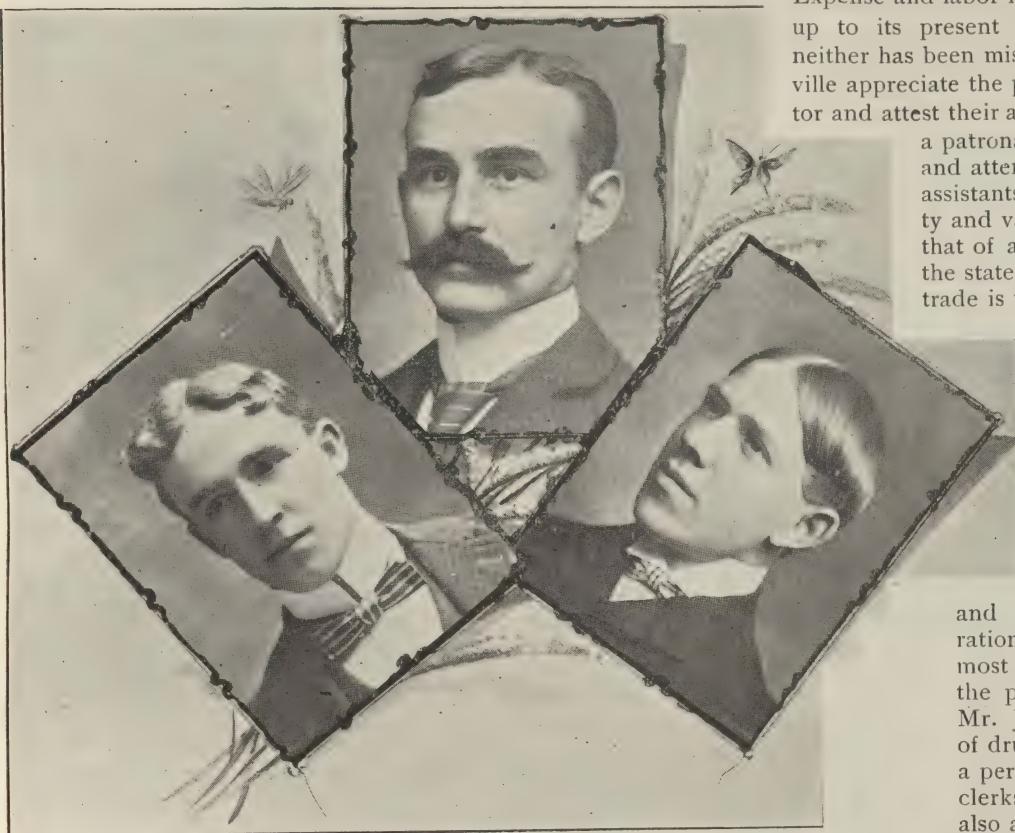


JOSEPH L. COWING.

FRED B. JOHNSON.

ONE of the best known and most popular stores in Rushville is what is known as the Yellow Front Drug Store, located on the west side of Main street near the center, and owned and conducted by Fred B. Johnson. Few cities irrespective of size or population can boast of a better or more finely appointed drug establishment than this one.

Expense and labor have not been spared in bringing it up to its present high standard of perfection, but neither has been misapplied, for the citizens of Rushville appreciate the progressive methods of the proprietor and attest their appreciation by bestowing upon him a patronage which engrosses the entire time and attention of Mr. Johnson and his two assistants. In the matter of quantity, quality and variety, the stock is unexcelled by that of any rival concern in this portion of the state. Every article known to the drug trade is to be found in the show cases or on the shelves. Pure drugs and chemicals, proprietary medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, toilet articles, perfumery, stationery and the thousand and one articles usually found only in the pharmacies of the largest cities are constantly kept on hand. The prescription department is one of the principal features of the establishment, and in the compounding and preparation of physicians prescriptions, the most scrupulous care is exercised as to the purity and freshness of ingredients. Mr. Johnson is a practical compounder of drugs, whose experience extends over a period of seventeen years, and his two clerks are registered pharmacists. He is also a chemist of unusual ability and has placed many well-known and popular proprietary preparations on the market,



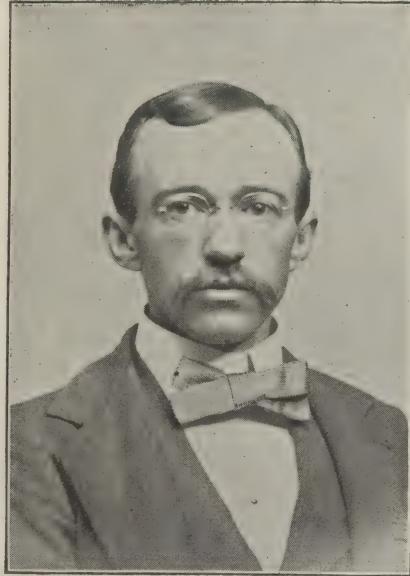
FRED. B. JOHNSON.
WALTER HAVENS. CLAYTON WOLVERTON.



YELLOW FRONT DRUG STORE, FRED B. JOHNSON, PROPRIETOR.

among which might be mentioned, Rosofoam, Chapi-cure, Crown Tea, Anticeptic Tooth Paste, White Pine Cough Balsam, Johnson's Worm Syrup, Johnson's Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla, etc. The subject of this sketch was born at Monrovia, Morgan County, this state, Feb. 28, 1864, and is the son of J. F. Johnson. His early education was received in the schools of Indianapolis. When but a young man he selected as his vocation that of a druggist, and served an apprenticeship in one of the largest stores of that city. In 1883, he came to Rushville and accepted a clerk ship in the store of which he is now the proprietor, then owned by his brother C. H. Johnson. Four years later he purchased the business and has since successfully conducted it. February 13, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Beher, daughter of Dr. E. B. Beher of this city, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter. Mr. Johnson lives in an attractive home of his own on Second street. He is a member of the Methodist Church and the Knights of Pythias.

KLONDYKE LAUNDRY.



HERBERT E. DRULEY.

THE citizens of Rushville and neighboring towns are remarkably fortunate in having located in their midst, a steam laundry such as the Klondyke which was started in this city December 18, 1897. The character of work done in this establishment will compare favorably with any done in similar institutions in any of the large cities. The machinery used is all of the latest improved and most modern makes. Mr. Herbert E. Druley and David H. Webster, the proprietors of the laundry are both thorough and capable men. Mr. Druley, the senior member of the firm, is an experienced and practical laundryman and a thorough master of every detail of the work. He has been engaged for several years in this line of work and has been employed in some of the largest laundries in the country. Mr. Webster, while not a practical laundryman, has had considerable experience in attending to the outside business affairs of laundries. He is a polite gentleman and accomodating, and has a host of friends who are anxious to see



DAVID H. WEBSTER.

him succeed in his new business venture. He attends to the calling for and delivery of orders, and a better man for this work could not be secured. The business of the firm has been a success from its inception and each week greatly increases. The citizens of Rush County should appreciate their efforts to supply the town with a modern, up-to-date laundry and should extend their patronage to a home institution.

Mr. Druley, the senior member of the firm, has moved to this city with his family and lives on North Main Street. He was married July 30, 1893, to Miss Luella Crowe, of Wayne Co., and his family consists of his wife and one daughter. He removed here from Richmond, which place was his former home.

Mr. Webster was born in Shelby Co., January 30th, 1873. After coming to Rushville he accepted a position with the Rushville Steam Laundry. In February of this year he resigned this position and formed the present partnership with Mr. Druley.

This laundry makes a specialty of doing work on short notice for commercial travelers and are prepared to turn out laundry work in one day's time and less where absolutely required.



CHARLES HUGO.

OPPOSITE the Windsor Hotel in the Opera House Block is located the Occidental Saloon, conducted by Charles Hugo. He handles a full line of whiskies, cigars and tobacco, domestic and imported wines of all kinds and keeps on tap the most popular brands of beer. He makes a specialty of catering to family trade and sells a large quantity of wine for medicinal purposes. There are few business men in Rushville more popular among their fellow citizens than Mr. Hugo, and the success which he has attained is well deserved. Mr. Hugo is a native of Switzerland County, this State, having been born in that county, August 1, 1849. When but a small child his parents located at Indianapolis, and Mr. Hugo learned the trade of carpenter, and later associated himself with the Fire Department of that city. He severed his connection as a fireman and engaged in railroading which he followed for a number of years. In 1877 he located at San Antonio, Texas, where he engaged extensively in the sheep and horse buying business. This business did not prove the success which he anticipated, and in March, 1882, he removed to Rushville where he permanently located, and immediately after coming to this city opened his business in the present location where he has remained continuously since. Mr. Hugo was married September 20, 1886, to Mrs. Emma Hamilton of this county, and owns an attractive and comfortable home on Morgan street. He is deeply interested in the development of Rushville and Rush County, and is recognized as one of the county's most substantial citizens. He owns two farms, one of one hundred acres eight miles northeast of the city, and another productive piece of land three and a half miles northwest. He is a member of the Rushville Commercial Club, a director of one of the city's Building & Savings Associations, and also a director in the Co-operative Telephone Company. He is ably assisted in his business by Mr. John Cooning, who has been with him during the past eight years.



ordinary merit, soon brought the business into prominence and it was a success from its inception. Six months after the establishment of the industry it was removed to the present quarters, and here for nearly twenty years the business has been successfully conducted. A lengthy description of this widely known establishment would be superfluous in this sketch, it being known to every citizen of Rushville and the majority of them in the county. The stock carried is an ample and carefully assorted one, comprising gold, silver and filled watches from the leading factories of the United States, together with the standard movements, which are fitted to any case desired, clocks of all styles and patterns, carefully regulated, and guaranteed as excellent time keepers; jewelry consisting of rings, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, hat and breast pins, and ornaments of personal adornment; precious stones, silver and plated ware in a great variety; optical goods embracing eye glasses and spectacles of every desired style, suited to eyes whose sight is in any way impaired, and fitted free of charge; small musical merchandise and a variety of other goods pertaining to the jewelry trade. In addition to the stock carried, the repair department of this establishment is almost a business in itself, and as the public appreciate the fact that there is nowhere to be found a more thorough or competent watchmaker,

HE possession of a first-class watch making and jewelry establishment by a city of small size is a boon that deserves appreciation. In the jewelry emporium of W. S. Orwin located on Second street opposite the post-office, the city of Rushville has a strictly up-to-date store, whose interior is fitted up with an eye, single to the requirements of a modern jewelry establishment, and whose stock comprises everything pertaining to the business for which there is any justification in handling. The foundation of this mercantile enterprise dates back to the fall of 1879 when the business was started in a small way in one of the rooms of the opera house block. The pleasing personality of the proprietor, together with his recognized ability as a watchmaker and jeweler of more than



JEWELRY STORE OF W. S. ORWIN.



W. S. ORWIN.

jeweler or engraver, Mr. Orwin is kept very busy. Another important factor of this business, and one to which special attention is given to fine watch work and fitting glasses. Mr. Orwin has devoted a great deal of time and study to the science of the optics and has supplied himself with all of the modern appliances necessary for the testing and fitting of glasses to the eyes. He has ever been one of the city's most progressive and energetic business men and is thoroughly alert to the necessity of being modern and up-to-date in everything he handles, and to this may be attributed much of his success.

The subject of this sketch was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, Sept. 25, 1849. When but a small child five years of age, his parents came west and located near Logansport in Cass County, and it was here that his early life was spent. After leaving school in 1864 he was apprenticed to C. H. Church, the leading jeweler of Logansport, and served three years; at the expiration of this time he took a six months course of special instruction in jewelry construction, watchmaking and optics. In 1870 he accepted a position with J. S. Pool & Co. of Louisville and for three years traveled for them. In 1879, as above stated, he located here and has been in business continuously since. Nov. 23, 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Lila A. Hilligoss of New Salem, and to this union six children have been born, two sons and four daughters. Together with his family Mr. Orwin resides in a comfortable and attractive home of his own on Third street. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the K. of P. and Royal Arcanum.



RESIDENCE OF W. S. ORWIN.

GEO. C. WYATT & CO.

AMONG the diversified business interests and enterprises of Rushville and Rush County, there is none more widely known, or more striking in its extent and details than the furniture and undertaking business of the firm of Geo. C. Wyatt & Co. The building which the firm now occupies (being the Bowen building, just north of the old post office, on Main St.) is positively inadequate to the demands of the immense stock carried, both in furniture and undertaking supplies. This statement can only be understood and appreciated by a personal inspection of the establishment. Some idea of the first floor may be had from the accompanying view, but the second and third floors are thoroughly packed with an elegant line of household goods and undertaker's furnishings entirely hid from the general public view. This business was started in its present quarters in 1885 in a modest way and each year has grown larger, until it has become too large for its domicil. They will, therefore, soon move into larger quarters. Probably by the time this book is published the firm of Geo. C. Wyatt & Co., will be located in the building of Smith and Cambren, almost opposite the present location, corner Main and Third streets. To use the words of Homer, "It is, in such brief period, so greatly transformed, that it is faine to alter its mansion with its manners, and to live where it can find room, and not where it would." Geo. C. Wyatt was born in Carroll Co., Kentucky, June 20, 1853, came to Indiana with his parents in 1861, and located at Milroy. He acquired such education as he could in the common schools,



FURNITURE STORE OF GEO. C. WYATT & CO.

and afterward took a course in the Indiana State Normal School. From this period he devoted seven years to the profession of teaching, five of which were spent in the graded school of Milroy, three years as principal. Upon retiring from the profession of teaching, Mr. Wyatt became Trustee of Anderson township, which position he filled for a period of two years. He was then associated with James S. Wyatt, his father, in the furniture and undertaking business at Milroy, for a period of two years, after which he removed to Rushville, engaging in the same business. In all Mr. Wyatt's enterprises, he has been a successful man, but as an undertaker and funeral director, he has gained a reputation of which he may justly be proud, his natural qualifications for his business almost amounting to genius. Endowed with affable and pleasing manners, at ease and self-possessed, prompt and correct in judgement, and thoroughly proficient in every detail, he is always master of the situation. On the 9th day of November, 1876, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Kate M. Hitt, of Maysville, Ky. To this union six children have been born, two boys and four girls. Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt and four children are active members of the Christian church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the order of Red Men. Warden Wyatt, the eldest son of Geo. C. Wyatt, was born at Milroy, Rush Co., Ind., Aug. 21, 1877. He was educated in the common schools of Milroy and Rushville and graduated from the Rushville High School in 1894. His business education and training have been almost wholly in his present occupation, having been associated with his father since graduating from the High School. Since Jan. 1, 1898, he has had exclusive charge of the furniture department, having shown himself thoroughly proficient.

ADAM V. SPIVEY.

THE subject of this sketch is one of the few young men who have pushed to the front and became conspicuous in local affairs. Very early in his career, Mr. Spivey developed a very decided taste for politics, and even before a voter himself, he was the leading spirit in many a lively contest in his own township, nearly always forming his coalitions with the younger and more progressive class, with whom he was always popular, and generally successful. The position he now occupies, that of Postmaster of the city of Rushville, bears ample testimony that his efforts have not been unfruitful. Mr. Spivey was born in Fayette County, Ind., May 10th, 1859, on the farm of his father, John Spivey, who for many years filled the position of township trustee, and was one of its most trusted and respected citizens. Our subject received his early education in the local schools, more particularly in the graded school and academy at Fayetteville, after which he attended college two years at Bloomington, Ind. He was a prominent member of the *Phi-Delta-Theta* fraternity while at this college. After acquiring an education, he spent several years in agricultural pursuits. He purchased and improved with a new, handsome dwelling, one of the best and best located farms in his home township, which he sold upon removing to Rushville. Mr. Spivey was engaged as a traveling salesman for a number of years, in which he manifested the same energy that had always been one of his leading characteristics. During this time he kept constantly in touch with the political developments of Rush County, and when the contest for Congress became very animated and interesting between James Watson and Henry U. Johnson,

in the Sixth District, Mr. Spivey espoused the cause of Mr. Johnson, and rendered such efficient aid that Mr. Johnson, who was the successful candidate, promptly rewarded him by the nomination for Postmaster at Rushville, and the appointment was made March 1st, 1898.

Mr. Spivey has already shown himself an efficient, discreet Postmaster. He appointed as his deputy, Mr. J. M. Newhouse, than whom a more popular



INTERIOR RUSHVILLE POST OFFICE.

selection could not have been made. Largely through the efforts of Mr. Spivey, the office has lately been admitted to the second class, which has necessitated more commodious quarters, and the location was therefore removed to the room recently vacated by the grocery house of Langdon & Co., where numerous improvements for the accommodation of the public have been inaugurated by Mr. Spivey. Elegant new fixtures were put in place by the Keyless Lock Company of Indianapolis, and it is safe to say that there is not a post-office in the state, regardless of size, which presents a neater or more attractive appearance. The office is fitted with 710 combination keyless boxes, and 100 lock boxes. Mr. Spivey, by his efforts has materially increased the volume of business as will be shown by the following comparative figures: During the month of August 1897, the stamp sales were \$641.00, in 1898 \$874.00, an increase of \$233.00. During the month of August this year, there were issued four hundred and twenty-seven money orders aggregating \$3,492.31; there was paid out to money order holders, \$1,065.74, and remitted to the United States Depository, \$2,426.58.

November 30th, 1882, Mr. Spivey was united in marriage to Miss Grace Blackridge, and to this union one child, a handsome boy, has been born. Mrs. Spivey is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Rushville, a daughter of S. C. Blackridge, one of the pioneers of this county.

L. NEUTZENHELZER & SON.

THIS firm is one of the best known in the city of Rushville, and can be classed among the manufacturing industries, as they have gained a position of prominence in their business and are numbered among the leading harness manufacturing concerns of the state. Mr. Neutzenhelzer, Senior, has spent his life in this work and has succeeded in building up, not only a large and lucrative business, but has established for himself a reputation which has extended to several states. He makes a specialty of making light buggy and track harness and furnishings for track horses, and so well has his work become known that he supplies these goods in every part of the country where racing is conducted. He at present enjoys a large trade in New York and other Eastern cities. In his shop on First street he employs five or more men the year round. Mr. Neutzenhelzer certainly deserves the fullest measure of credit for the success he has attained. After serving an apprenticeship of five years in Anderson, this state, he located in this city in 1885 and opened a small shop on Second street. He made it a rule, however, to always make only the best quality of harness and to handle only such goods as he knew he could recommend to his customers in the highest terms. His business expanded from year to year until in 1895 he found it necessary to remove to his present quarters where he occupies two rooms with a frontage of 60 feet and a depth of 120 feet. In addition to the manufacturing business he carries a full line of horse furnishing goods of all descriptions and does an extensive repair business.



CARRIAGE REPOSITORY AND HARNESS ROOM OF L. NEUTZENHELZER & SON.

He also has a carriage depository and keeps in stock what is doubtless the largest and most complete line of buggies, surreys, road carts, sulkies, etc., carried in this section of the state. In this line of business he also enjoys a large share of the public patronage, and the buggies he carries are very popular with the people. Among the makes which he handles might be mentioned those of the Connersville Buggy Company, the Gallion, Ohio Buggies, and others. His son Ernest L. Neutzenhelzer, was admitted to partnership with his father in 1896. He is also a practical man at the business, having served an apprenticeship with his father and, in addition to this, is a polite and accommodating salesman, and has a host of friends in the county. His second son Fred, aged fifteen, is also learning the trade. Louis Neutzenhelzer was born at Connersville, Fayette County, Ind., September 15, 1851. He was a son of John Neutzenhelzer, who was a well-known stone mason of that city. His early life was spent in that city, and he received such education as was obtainable in the county schools. In 1863 he left home and went to Anderson, where he served his apprenticeship. He was married December 15, 1874, to Miss Ella Ollie, a substantial citizen of Rushville, and has also been a prominent factor in advancing its material interests. He is a member of the and a member of the Royal Arcanum. Ernest Neutzenhelzer, the junior member of the firm, was born November 22, 1875, and received his education in this city and the Rushville Normal Academy. After leaving school he entered his father's place of business, where he thoroughly mastered the trade. He is a member of the Rushville Social Club and the Presbyterian Church.

OWEN L. CARR.

OWEN L. CARR, Auditor of Rush County, was born October 14th, 1861, on a farm near New Providence, Hardin County, Iowa. He is the third son of six children of Miles W. and Sarah A. Carr, who were natives of Henry and Hamilton Counties, Indiana.

At the age of ten years, he with his parents, moved to Howard County, this state. During the panic in 1876, his father met with reverses in business, and on account of failing health decided to go South. It was while living in the South, at the age of seventeen years, our subject began business by buying and flat-boating corn for market, from East Tennessee, down the Tennessee river, into the cotton raising sections of Alabama. He received his education in the common schools of Iowa and Indiana, with the exception of one term at the high school in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the age of nineteen. At the age of twenty, he engaged in the live stock business, buying and driving in Arkansas, Indian Territory, and Kansas. His earnings furnishing money for the support of his dependent parents, who were then at the health resort, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. He came to Rush County in October, 1884, and after the death of his father in 1885, at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, permanently located in Arlington, this county, and engaged in the livery business. He was married December 29th, 1886, to Miss Sarah L. Glass, daughter of John W. and Sarah J. Glass, both natives of Rush County. To this union four children have been born—Hazel, John, Mary and Owen. Mrs. Carr received her education in the Arlington graded school. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a devoted wife and mother. Since his marriage, Mr. Carr has been engaged in different enterprises, merchandising, saw milling, shipping grain, trading in real estate, and farming.

He was one of the first investors in natural gas in Rush County. All of these interests have been practically disposed of except farming.

While he has been successful in his business ventures he has always invested his money in such a way as to give employment to the laboring class of men. Politically he is a Republican and has always been an ardent worker and a strong advocate of the principles of his party,

and cast his first vote in Rush Co. He was appointed trustee of Posey Township in 1890, by Hon. Jno. K. Gowdy, who is the present Consul General to Paris. Mr. Carr served as township trustee for about five years, during which time he took a great interest in the building of good roads, permanent brick school houses, and built the first steel bridges erected in his township. He endeavored to advance the school interests by placing the higher branches in the graded schools of his township and was a strong advocate of a law which was almost unanimously passed by the last Legislature, placing a high school in every township where practical, so that the poor man's children might have an opportunity for an education equal to that obtainable by those in better circumstances. He was elected County Auditor in November, 1896, and since entering on the duties of his office has conducted the same in a pleasant, business-like manner, to the satisfaction of the people. He is a member of the Friends' Church, I. O. O. F., K. of P., and Imp. Order of Red Men. Mr. Carr is strictly temperate, and is in every sense of the word a plain, self-made man. He started to earn his own livelihood, when but a mere boy, and from that time until the present he has been entirely upon his own resources. In all of the various enterprises in which he embarked, he never made a single failure, and there are few men who can review their business career with more pride and satisfaction. Much of this success has been due to a fearless spirit which led him to believe that he could make a success of any undertaking in which others had succeeded, and with this end in view he goes at anything he undertakes with an energy and determination so great, that it cannot fail to accomplish results. During the five years that he served as trustee of Posey Township, he conducted the affairs of the office in such a proficient manner, that even those who were politically opposed to him, could not find room to criticise, and there is little doubt but that the excellent record he made as a public official at that time, had much to do with his selection as County Auditor. As Auditor he is making an even better record. He is at all times courteous and obliging to those who have business at the court house, and has made many warm friends throughout the county.





THEODORE H. REED.



RICH REED.

competitors. The farmers always find it a pleasure to deal with him and by esteem. He is ever ready to give them conscientious advice based upon the best obtainable inside information, and many of his patrons have during the past year profited by his judgment. He always pays the highest market price for wheat, corn, oats, and field seeds, and since his entrance into the business field he has always made it a rule never to be over bid in the local market. The fact that Mr. Reed thoroughly understands every detail of the grain business is not to be wondered at when it is known that he was, practically speaking, born and reared in an elevator. His father, W. H. R. Reed, was until the time of his death, which occurred Nov. 21, 1893, one of the best known grain men in the State. He engaged in business in St. Paul in 1856, and the son who was constantly with his father, became versed in the complications of the business in early childhood. At the age of eighteen he left St. Paul and engaged in business for himself at Greensburg, Decatur County, he continued at that point for eight years, disposing of his business in 1878 he returned to St. Paul and erected the first steam elevator built in the State, outside of the large cities. After a successful experience extending over a period of four years, Mr. Reed disposed of his St. Paul business at a profit and located in Rushville. Upon coming to this city he erected his present place of business which is known as a double elevator, and which is one of the most convenient and commodious buildings of its kind in this portion of the country. The interior is so arranged that by the mere opening or closing of various chutes the entire bin space with a capacity of 80,000 bushels, can be used for either wheat or corn. The elevator is situated on the L. E. & W., Big Four and Pennsylvania tracks, and a private side track enables him to load cars in

THEODORE H. REED & SON.

THERE are few, if any, business men in Rushville who have scored a more pronounced success than the subject of this sketch, Theodore H. Reed. Mr. Reed is recognized as one of the leading grain men of this section of the State, and the fact that he has worked his way up to this position of prominence through his own efforts is a silent compliment to his energy, perseverance and business judgement. The buying and selling of grain is a business which requires not only incessant work and a thorough knowledge of that in which you deal, but it is essential that he who would succeed in it should have a special fitness for the traffic—a faculty for business, constant vigilance, perspicacious in anticipating the fluctuations of the market and special facilities for the caring for and the handling of a large volume of business. It is no exaggeration to say that Mr. Reed handles more grain annually than any of his Rush County

competitors. By his methods he has won their confidence and esteem. He is ever ready to give them conscientious advice based upon the best obtainable inside information, and many of his patrons have during the past year profited by his judgment. He always pays the highest market price for wheat, corn, oats, and field seeds, and since his entrance into the business field he has always made it a rule never to be over bid in the local market.



RESIDENCE OF MR. REED.

In addition to buying grain for immediate shipment Mr. Reed's facilities are such that he is enabled to cater to the wants of the farmers in the matter of storage, to which branch of the business he gives special attention. Theodore H. Reed is a native of Shelby County, having been born in that County July 5, 1852. January 1, 1878, while located at Greensburg, Mr. Reed was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Speer, of Cincinnati, who is one of the most esteemed and popular ladies in Rushville social circles. To this union one child has been born, Richardson. Mr. Reed



is a stockholder in the Rushville National Bank, and the largest holder of natural gas stock in the city. He is a director and

General Superintendent of the Rushville Natural Gas Company. Among his possessions might be mentioned a 170 acre farm of productive land two miles east of the city, and the Flash Stock Farm, where in connection with Mr. Geo. Weeks, Mr. Reed has developed a number of harness horses which have proved bread winners in both the minor and grand circuits. Woodford C, (2:12), who heads the list, had last year to his credit in twelve starts, nine firsts, one second and one third. In 1896 Mr. Reed was honored by his election as a member of the city school board, and was selected as its treasurer. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and has been director in the Telephone Company and President of the Board of Trade and President of the Riverside Park Company.



EARLY MORNING SCENE AT RIVERSIDE PARK.



JOHN HINER.

ONE of the latest business enterprises to make a bid for a share of the public patronage is the livery, feed, and sale stable of John Hiner. As a liveryman, Mr. Hiner is well known in this community. For a number of years he conducted a stable, but his business was destroyed by fire a few years ago, and since that time he has been connected with the two local stables. During the livery business career of Brann & Vance, Mr. Hiner was their foreman, and when a few weeks ago, Mr. Brann disposed of the business, Mr. Hiner purchased a large part of the stock and continued the business. He is well equipped for light livery and feeding, and there is no one more deserving of a liberal patronage than is Mr. Hiner. He will also make a specialty of buying and selling horses.



FEED, LIVERY, AND SALE STABLE OF JOHN HINER.

THE WINDSOR HOTEL.

FOR more than a score of years the Windsor Hotel has been recognized as the leading hostelry of Rushville, but never in all this period has there been a time when it was so liberally patronized or popular as at the present. During the latter part of last year the Windsor changed hands, Capt. J. L. Stone retiring and William A. Jones and his son Harrie becoming proprietors. Mr. Jones is an old and experienced hotel man, and knows just what the traveling public wants, and immediately after taking possession of the hotel the place was thoroughly overhauled from cellar to garret and almost entirely refitted. The sleeping rooms were newly fitted up, and many changes made which will redound to the comfort and convenience of the guests. Another important change was made in the culinary department. A fine charcoal range, one of the largest and most expensive manufactured was added, and a cuisine is now offered the public which can not be excelled in any two dollar a day house in the State. The Windsor Hotel which is the only two dollar a day house in Rushville is, under the present management, one of the most popular places on the road and the high praise by Knights of the Grip of it, has had much to do with its steadily increasing patronage.

The Windsor Hotel is a large brick structure, 100x165 feet. It is four stories high, and in addition to the office, parlor, dining-room, wash-room and three large sample rooms on the first floor, there are fifty sleeping rooms. The house is lighted throughout with electricity and each room is heated by natural gas. Mr. Jones gives his personal attention to the buying for the table and supplies his guests with the best and choicest viands which the market affords. Harrie Jones has charge of the management of the office, assisted by "Gene" Barrows, who has been at the Windsor desk for eight years. Mrs. Emma Gavin has charge of the house and a more competent housekeeper could not have been secured. In connection with this sketch a brief review of the

personal history of the proprietors of the Windsor will be of interest. Both members of the firm are horsemen, who have become so prominent in the profession that they are known in all parts of the country where harness racing is conducted. W. A. Jones was among the pioneer horsemen of Rush County, and no higher compliment can be paid to his judgment and ability than the simple statement



that he made a pronounced success of the business when hundreds of his neighbors with better opportunities and more capital were unable to withstand the depression and encroachments of hard times upon the interests of the turf. After returning from Cincinnati, he started as a trainer, breeder and campaigner of harness horses and with scarcely any capital



WINDSOR HOTEL.



WILLIAM A. JONES.

HARRIE JONES.

other than indomitable courage, unerring judgment and untiring energy he began building for himself a name and place among the horsemen of that day. He first gained notoriety as a half owner of Hoosier Tom in 1868, but the greatest success of his turf career was when he picked Florence M. (2:22 $\frac{1}{4}$) from the untried ranks and went through the circuit, never failing to get inside of the money and winning forty-two out of fifty-two starts. This gave him a great boost as a trainer and driver, and from that time until this day there has never been a season when he has not had tendered him all the horses he could possibly handle. One season Mr. Jones and Harrie trained fifty-two head, and campaigned nearly half of this number. In 1889 Mr. Jones admitted to partnership in the horse business, his son Harrie, who ranks as topnotcher as a driver, and the year following the firm purchased and equipped the Riverside Driving Park, which affords them one of the best training grounds in the country. Here they have a splendid regulation mile track and 160 stalls for the accomodation of their stock. The park is just two squares from the public square, and one and a half squares from their hotel. They give their personal attention to the preparation of horses intrusted to their care, and their past successes speaks volumes in favor of their system of training. In addition to those mentioned above, W. A. Jones campaigned and marked in the days of the old high wheel steel tired sulky, Little Miss, 2:26 $\frac{1}{4}$; Nellie Lloyd, 2:22 $\frac{1}{4}$; Raven Boy, 2:15 $\frac{3}{4}$ and others. Harrie Jones, the junior member of the firm, has had a degree of success which has been almost phenomenal. He has the distinction of having put more horses in the 20 list than any driver of his age in the country, among these might be mentioned Woodland Boy, 2:09 $\frac{1}{4}$; Allen G., 2:10; Antidote, 2:10; Cyclone, 2:11 $\frac{1}{4}$; Nellie F., 2:13 $\frac{1}{4}$; Sallie Bronson, 2:13 $\frac{1}{2}$; Bourbon Bonnell, 2:14 $\frac{1}{4}$; Dick Mason, 2:14 $\frac{1}{4}$; Raven Wilks, 2:15 $\frac{1}{4}$; Foxine, 2:16, and 37 others. Last year in partnership with Jack Curry, Harrie Jones handled 23 head at Riverside, the major part of which proved bread winners. W. A. Jones was born in Dearborn County, Ind., October 2, 1845. He was married May 5, 1869, to Miss Laura M. Oglesby, who is one of the most esteemed ladies in Rush County. Three children, Harrie, Carrie and Freddie have been born to this union, of which Harrie alone is living. Mr. Jones and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a K. of P. Harrie Jones was born in this city, August 23, 1872, and was married August 3, 1895, to Miss Mayme Mauzy, daughter of G. G. Mauzy.

PASTIME BOWLING ALLEY AND GALLERY.

THE greatest place of amusement in Rushville is the Pastime Bowling Alley and Shooting Gallery, owned and operated by Lucian Osborn. Mr. Osborn conducts his place in strictly first-class style, and it is a credit to Rushville. No betting is allowed on any contests, and the class of people who patronize it are the best in the city. His double alley is one of the best in the State and it is always kept in good shape. The shooting gallery is a new feature which has been added but very recently, and judging from the way it is being patronized it is destined to become very popular during the summer months when it is too warm to indulge in bowling. Mr. Osborn leases either the bowling alley or gallery to parties wishing their use for an entire evening.



SOLDIER'S AND SAILOR'S ORPHANS HOME.

JOHN P. HUFFMAN.

LOCATED at 136 West Second Street, is the staple and fancy grocery of John P. Huffman. Though a young industry, it is rapidly growing in popular favor. John P. Huffman is well known to the citizens of this community, and has a host of friends who wish to see him succeed in his new undertaking. He was born in Boone County, this State, January 22nd, 1854. He received a common school education in the schools of his native County. At the age of sixteen he engaged in the general merchandizing business at Milledgeville, Boone County. After four years of successful business he engaged in farming, which he followed for ten years. He next located in Lebanon and engagad in the lumber and planing mill business. In 1891 he came to Rushville as the junior member of the firm of Pinnell & Huffman and continued in the lumber and mill business here until 1898, when he disposed of his interest and engaged in the speed horse business. He handled and marked among others Allie Wilkes, 2:13 $\frac{1}{2}$; and Leland H. 2:42 $\frac{1}{2}$; which two horses he owns and desires to dispose of. Mr. Huffman was married March 5th, 1874, to Miss Millie Bramblett, who died April 9th, 1894. He was again married to Miss Emma Walton. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and himself and wife are members of the Methodist Church.



JOHN P. HUFFMAN.

On the south side of First Street near the center of the square is the place of business of James L. Geraghty. Mr. Geraghty is well known to the citizens of Rushville. For a number of years he has conducted a saloon at his present quarters and he does a large business. He handles an immense variety of wines, liquors and other beverages usually kept in a well appointed saloon. He has in connection with this business a pool and billiard hall and bowling alley. He also carries one of the most complete lines of imported and domestic cigars and tobaccos in the city. James L. Geraghty was born April 1st, 1868, and is a son of James and Mary Geraghty. He was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Kirk, of Indianapolis, August 23, 1887, and to this union six children have been born, three sons and three daughters. Mr. Geraghty owns a home of his own on Second Street where he resides. He is a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion and Young Men's Institute. Himself and wife are members of the Catholic Church. He is assisted in his business by "Billy" Denny and Dom. O'Neil, both of who have a host of friends.

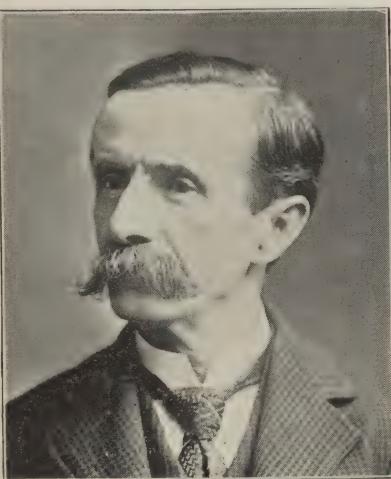
JAS. L. GERAGHTY, JR.



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WILLIAM B. POE & SON.

ANY commercial or industrial history of Rushville which did not contain mention of William B. Poe would be very incomplete, as he is one of the pioneer merchants of the town. He is the oldest watchmaker and jeweler in Rush County, and in a commercial experience extending over thirty-nine years has conducted his affairs in such a manner that the citizens who have in that time been his patrons, can speak of him in none but the highest terms of praise. He has always enjoyed a most enviable reputation for honest dealing and honest work. Seven years ago Mr. Poe admitted his son, Jessie M. Poe, to partnership, and since that time much of the active management of the business has been left to him. The senior member of the firm, however, is still energetic, and applies himself closely to the work at the store. He is a watchmaker of extraordinary ability and has probably in his time repaired more watches than all the other jewelers of Rushville combined. The store of this firm is one of the neatest and most attractive in the city, and in the show cases can be found a large and varied assortment of jewelry of all description, novelties, silverware, bric-a-brac, etc. This firm recently moved into the room vacated by the post office on Main street. William B. Poe was born October 4, 1839, in Washington,



WILLIAM B. POE.



JESSIE M. POE

Mason County, Kentucky. He is the son of Thomas Poe who is the oldest Justice of Peace in Rush County and the oldest Mason in the State, having become a member of that organization in 1820. William Poe was married October 24, 1868, to Miss Ruth F. Carr, daughter of John Carr, one of the pioneer settlers of this County. Two children have been born to the union, both of whom are married. The elder of which is a daughter, Rena, who is now Mrs. Warner. Jessie M. Poe is a native of this city, having been born here April 2, 1876. He received his education in the public schools at Rushville and later attended the Horological Institute of Peoria, Illinois. After returning from school in 1892 he was admitted to partnership with his father. He was married November 11th, 1895, to Miss Ina Pugh, one of Rushville's handsomest and most accomplished young ladies. He is a member of the Improved Order of Redmen. W. B. Poe owns a handsome residence on North Morgan Street, and in addition owns a valuable farm adjoining the city on the north.

E. H. INNIS.

ONE of the most enterprising and most progressive music dealers in Rush County, whose portrait appears in connection with this sketch. Though comparatively a young man, Mr. Innis is rapidly making his way to the front rank of music dealers in this section. He enjoys a large share of the public patronage and is a man in whom the people can repose the utmost confidence. His place of business is on Main Street in the store of William B. Poe & Son, and here at all seasons of the year can be found



E. H. INNIS.

son of Andrew and Sarah Innis of Milroy. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.



INTERIOR WM. B. POE'S JEWELRY STORE AND E. H. INNIS' MUSIC STORE.

a line of pianos, organs and small musical instruments second to none in the city. He handles the leading makes of these instruments, and delivers them to all parts of the County. Mr. Innis is especially adapted to this kind of work, as he is a musician of rare ability. He secured a musical education in the music department of DePauw University, where he became proficient in the art of tuning, to which branch of his business he gives special attention. After leaving school he was employed in the factory of Smith & Nixon of Chicago and later by Stager & Company, of the same place, both well known piano builders. His three years service with these firms gave him an insight in the work of constructing and repairing pianos, which is of great value to him in his present line of work. Parties contemplating purchasing anything in the musical line will find it to their advantage to see Mr. Innis before purchasing. He is a

MULNO & MICHELSN.

THREE doors east of the postoffice is a new place of business, the doors of which were thrown open to the public for the first time in April of the present year. Although this business is yet in its infancy the gentlemen who are at the head of it are so well known and popular in this vicinity that the volume of business which they are doing will compare favorably

with that done by their older competitors. It is safe to say that there never was a firm which started business in Rushville with brighter prospects than that which is the subject of this sketch. For nearly a quarter of a century William Mulno, the senior member of the firm, has been catering to the wants of the public as a clerk, and in all these years he has dealt with his customers in a manner which has made him a host of warm friends who are glad of the opportunity of extending to him the encouragement of their patronage in his new venture. Added to Mr. Mulno's popularity, wide acquaintance and reputation for fair dealing is the fact that his partner, Mr. Michelson, is recognized as one of the best tailors in this part of the country. The combination is thus a strong one and the people are not slow to appreciate this. They have another advantage in having an absolutely new and up-to-date stock, every garment of which is made in accordance with the latest



WILLIAM MULNO.

styles and patterns. Their stock comprises a full and complete line of men's, boys' and children's clothing, hats and furnishing goods. The firm is in a position to quote astonishingly low prices as they buy and sell strictly for cash. And in addition to this they are so situated that their expenses are nominal and they can therefore sell at a very close margin. They pay a small rent and as they wait on all customers themselves, they have no pay roll which, as a matter of course, would have to be added to the selling price of goods. It will pay any one to get their prices before buying elsewhere. William G. Mulno was born in Connorsville, June 16, 1863, but removed to this city with his parents when but a small child. He was married September 27, 1892, to Miss Gertrude Gipe, of Wayne County. Mr. Mulno is a member of K. of P., Macabees and the Methodist Church. George Michelson was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 20, 1862, but was raised in the neighboring city of Shelbyville. It was here that he learned the trade of tailoring and has worked at this trade continuously for twenty-two years, during the last ten of which he was employed by the firm which is now Bliss & Cowing. Mr. Michelson belongs to K. of P. and the Presbyterian Church.



GEORGE MICHELSN.



INTERIOR STORE OF MULNO & MICHELSN.



CARTHAGE SCHOOL HOUSE



STREET SCENE.

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The primary object of this work is to advertise Rushville and Rush County to the outside world. Copies will be sent to all parts of the United States, and parties into whose hands they may fall cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that Rush County is the best County in the State of Indiana. Ultimate good is bound to result. It is to be hoped that the citizens of the County will appreciate the efforts of the business men to portray their town in a fitting manner, and show their appreciation by extending their patronage to the public spirited men who made the publication of this book possible.

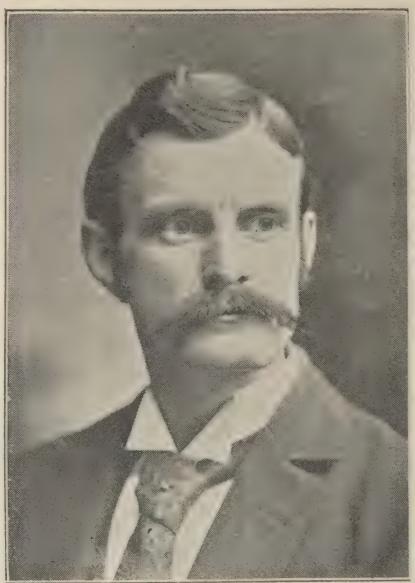


VIEWS IN EAST HILL CEMETERY.



DYAR C. HAZELRIGG.

Among the late acquisitions to the business circles of Rushville is Dyar C. Hazelrigg, the druggist. Mr. Hazelrigg recently purchased the business of Robt. Cox, and comes to this city from Greensburg highly recommended, not only as a pharmacist of more than ordinary ability, but as a progressive, wide-awake and enterprising business man. In Greensburg he was a member of the firm of Grover, Hazelrigg & Bonner, a firm which became celebrated from the fact that they had the finest store in this entire section of the state. In February of this year Mr. Hazelrigg disposed of his interest in the Greensburg store and began looking about for a good location. His attention was called to Rushville and he purchased the business of Mr. Cox and immediately took possession. Mr. Hazelrigg removed his store into the room adjoining that of Frank Wilson, where he has one of the most complete and attractive pharmacies in the county. The stock is new and carefully selected, and in addition to a complete line of drugs and druggists sundries, Mr. Hazelrigg has added a large stock of paints, oils, and varnishes and paint brushes. One of the chief features, however, of this new store is its prescription department. In Greensburg Mr. Hazelrigg enjoyed an enviable reputation as a compounder of



DYAR C. HAZELRIGG.

drugs, and it will doubtless be but a short time until his ability is recognized and appreciated here. He is a graduate of the Chicago School of Pharmacy, which is acknowledged to be one of the best in the country.

Since moving into his new quarters, Mr. Hazelrigg has added to his stock a complete line of books of all descrip-

tions. The stock embraces a carefully selected list of the latest standard works by the most popular authors, and while this is a new branch of the business he is already enjoying a lucrative trade in this department. School books and school supplies have also been added.

His line of imported and domestic cigars is second to none in the city. Among the specialties handled, might be mentioned a full line of cameras and photographic supplies. Mr. Hazelrigg pays special attention to this branch of the business and instructs beginners in toning and developing negatives. Mr. Hazelrigg is ably assisted in the store by Mr. Roy Abercrombie of this city.

Dyar C. Hazelrigg was born in Greensburg, Dec. 18, 1866, his early life was spent in his native city where he received his schooling. In 1885 he graduated from the High School and immediately thereafter accepted a clerkship with the firm of Talbott & Moss. After three years service he resigned to enable him to obtain his pharmaceutical education, and upon graduating he accepted a clerkship with Mr. Grover where he was later admitted as a partner. Sept. 30, 1891, he was united in marriage to Miss Grace Trusler of Greensburg, and to this union one child was born, a son.



DRUG STORE OF DYAR C. HAZELRIGG.

AMONG the most popular and highly commended business enterprises of Rushville is the Grand Hotel, under its new management. "Mine Host" Miller and his most efficient wife have always been popular and enterprising people, but in the management of a hotel, and the art of making it homelike and attractive to the public, they seem truly "to the manor born." Although Mr. Miller has only been in possession of this property since March he has placed it in the front rank, and today it is recognized as one of the most complete hosteries in the state. It is situated on the public square, is convenient to the business houses of the city, and in its equipments embodies all the best features of a hotel of the first class. It is equal, if not superior to the leading hotels of the state in cities of this class, and the traveling public should not overlook the fact, that the rates are \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day. After Mr. Miller had acquired a title to the real estate itself, he immediately determined that no means or pains should be spared in the way of equipment, in making "The Grand" conform to the popular idea of a strictly modern hotel. He therefore refitted and refurnished it throughout, at a cash expenditure of \$3,000, making everything the best and strictly up-to-date. Mr. Miller has equipped the house with furniture which for style, elegance and comfort, has never been excelled in this part of the country. New carpets, iron bedsteads, box mattresses, and handsome oak furniture lend to the attractiveness of the sleeping apartments. While this hostelry is practically complete in every detail, Mr. Miller is continually seeking to beautify the place and add such comforts and conveniences as will lend pleasure



GRAND HOTEL. P. A. MILLER, PROPRIETOR.

to the traveling public. The building is a solid brick structure of three stories with a basement. The dimensions of the building are $42\frac{1}{2} \times 165$ feet. On the ground floor are the office, sample rooms, dining room, bar, kitchen, store room, lavatories and toilet rooms—the whole being arranged with a view to the public convenience. With the exception of the parlor, the second and third floors are devoted to sleeping rooms, which are kept scrupulously clean and thoroughly ventilated. The dining room of the hotel is unique, and one of the prettiest places imaginable. It is just to the right of the office, and some idea of this room and its fittings can be gathered from the accompanying illustration. It is just to the right of the office, and personally looks after the comforts of his patrons. In this he is efficiently aided by his wife, who takes charge of the housekeeping department, and superintends the domestic affairs of the hotel, making it an ideal traveler's home. P. A. Miller is a native of this county, having been born on the farm of his father, Thomas Miller, in Rushville township, September 7, 1855. His early life was spent on his father's farm. He continued in agricultural pursuits until 1880, when he became identified with the business interests of this city, remaining in business until March of this year, when he purchased the Grand Hotel. October 24, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie A. Davis, of Fayetteville, who has been a true helpmate in every sense of the word, and who has had much to do with the success of her husband, as she is a woman of rare business ability. To this union four sons have been born. Clendas, Hearly (deceased), Clyde and Thomas. These sons assist in the management of the hotel.

GEORGE WINGERTER.

OF THE business men of Rushville who have scored a pronounced success, there is none more conspicuous than George Wingerter, who, as a manufacturer of cigars, has gained a prominence which is more than local, and entitles him to rank as one of the foremost producers of fine domestic cigars in the state. There are many people in this city who do not realize the importance of this industry to Rushville, and who do not know that it is the direct means of each week bringing hundreds of dollars into the city which is spent with the business men. But such is nevertheless the case, and a brief review of the business and a sketch of the gentleman who has brought it up to its present condition will prove of more than ordinary interest. There is probably no man in Rushville more entitled to enjoy the success he has attained than the subject of this sketch, for he has achieved it in the face of the severest obstacles and solely through his diligence, enterprise, perseverance and honorable dealing, and the merit of the goods manufactured. This business was established in 1883 in a very modest way in a small room in the Sexton block on the corner of Main and First Streets. With scarcely any capital other than an unlimited amount of pluck and determination and two hands not afraid to work, Mr. Wingerter entered the ranks and began to do battle for a share of the public patronage. His progress at first was necessarily slow, as he did all the work himself, but one of the fundamental principles which he inaugurated when he started business, was to use only the very best quality of tobacco in the manufacture of cigars. This bore fruit and in less than six months after starting, the



CIGAR FACTORY AND RESIDENCE OF GEORGE WINGERTER.

demand for his cigars became greater than he could supply. This demand for his cigars increased and it was but a short time until he was supplying a large part of the trade of not only Rushville, but the neighboring towns in the County. More help was procured and the business has steadily expanded year after year as the superior quality of the goods manufactured became better known to the smoking public. At the present time a force of from twenty to twenty-five mechanics is required to meet the demands of the trade, and the output of the factory will this year exceed one million cigars. This trade covers an area within a radius of seventy-five miles of Rushville, one of the principal points being Indianapolis, where Mr. Wingerter enjoys a large trade. The leading brand manufactured by this factory is the "Cuban Special" and it is safe to say that there is no better five cent cigar on the market. Other popular five cent brands are the Indiana King, Incandescent and Opera Puffs. Geo. Wingerter was born at the home of his father Geo. Wingerter, Sr. in Lawrenceburg, this state, March 14, 1860. His early education was obtained in the public schools of that city. At the age of eleven years he accepted a position in the factory of C. H. Werlk, and for twelve years continued in his employ. In 1883 he removed to Rushville and engaged in business as above set forth. He conducted this business continuously with the exception of three years when he was located at Indianapolis. February 23, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Gantner of this city. He resides in an attractive home of his own on Second street. He is a member of the K. of P. Fraternity, and is numbered among the city's most substantial and enterprising citizens.

W. H. MOFFETT & CO.



W. H. MOFFETT.

THREE are few firms better known to the citizens of Rush County than that of W. H. Moffett & Co., contracting plumbers and machinists. Mr. Moffett who is the active member of the firm, is one of those aggressive and progressive spirits who neglects no opportunity to push his business and it is safe to say that in the past, there has been few if any business men in Rushville more persistent in their efforts to bring trade to this city. This liberal policy has yielded its reward and the business have been a success from its inception. This industry was established in 1881 by W. H. Moffett and W. H. Gregg. Although started in a very modest sort of way, the thrift and diligence of Mr. Moffett soon developed the business into one of the city's leading industries. Each year he added some new feature and the business has expanded to such an extent that from five to eight men are required the year round to handle the volume of business which is done annually. In addition to machine work of all kinds, plumbing, steam and gas fitting, Mr. Moffett handles a full line of supplies of all kinds, and keeps for the convenience of the public, a full assortment of piping and fittings, hose, belting, etc. He also handles steel sinks and is the county agent for the Meyers pump, one of the best pumps manufactured. The present home of this industry on Perkins street between Third and Fourth, was erected by the present proprietor in 1886. Since beginning business Mr. Moffett has handled a number of large contracts in a most satisfactory manner, both in this and neighboring counties. Among the recent contracts might be mentioned the Rush County Court House, where, as a sub-contractor, he did thousands of dollars of steam and gas fitting and wiring. He was also the contractor for the plumbing, gas fitting and electric wiring in the new Churchill and Holden Block.

The subject of this sketch, Wm. H. Moffett was born July 15, 1853, and is a son of Dr. John Moffett one of the best known physicians in Rush county. His early life was spent in this city where he attended the public schools. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship in the business he is now following, and for the eight succeeding years followed the vocation as a



W. H. MOFFETT & CO'S. PLUMBING SHOP.

journeyman machinist in Indianapolis and other cities. At the age of twenty-eight he located and opened his business here as above stated. He is thoroughly up-to-date in all matters pertaining to his business, and is a member of the National Association of Steam and Hot Water fitters and the National Association of Master Plumbers, being a charter member of the State branch of the latter organization. He is also a member of the K. of P., I. O. O. F., Redmen, A. O. O. U., P. O. O. S. of A., National Association of Fire Engineers, Daughter of Rebecca Encampment, Patriarchs Militant, and a member of the Presbyterian church.

October 6, 1896, Mr. Moffett was united in marriage to Miss Meta Wolf, daughter of Col. E. H. Wolf. To this union one child, a son was born, but July 16 of this year the house was saddened by the death of this little one. Mr. Moffett lives on the corner of Perkins and Third Streets.



GROCERY STORE OF A. L. ALDRIDGE.

A. L. ALDRIDGE.

On Second street two doors east of Main is located the grocery store of A. L. Aldridge, and it is no exaggeration to state that there are few, if any, concerns engaged in similar lines, who are doing a more satisfactory business. Mr. Aldridge is a thorough and practical groceryman, and the neat and tasteful arrangement of the interior of his store has attracted to him a large and constantly increasing trade. His stock is essentially modern and up-to-date, and comprises everything in the grocery line for which there could possibly be a demand. Persons who visit this store are assured that they will receive prompt attention, courteous treatment, and the best that the market affords. A wagon makes free deliveries to all parts of the city, and in addition to his city trade, Mr. Aldridge enjoys a very extensive country trade from all parts of the county. The history of the life of Albert L. Aldridge is that of a man who deserves much credit for the success he has won. From a most humble beginning he has worked his way upward, until he today occupies a position of prominence in the commercial field of Rushville. The subject of this sketch is a native of this county, having been born on the farm of his father, Leroy S. Aldridge, October 12, 1859. After receiving such education as was obtainable in the common schools of the county, he attended college at Greencastle, Ind., where he finished schooling. Upon returning to Rushville, he accepted a clerkship with Reeve & Burt, but after a number of years service resigned to learn railroading and telegraphy. In 1886 he accepted a position as clerk for Brann & Son, grocers, but in 1889 resigned to engage in business for himself. It was then that his present business was established, and by skillful management it has proven a success from its inception. Mr. Aldridge was united in marriage March 12, 1885, to Miss Allie Gillingham, and to this union two children have been born, a son and

daughter. Mr. Aldridge is a member of the M. E. Church, the I. O. O. F., Masonic and Royal Arcanum orders.

V. B. BODINE & SON.

The senior member of this firm is the pioneer boot and shoe man of Rushville, and during all the changes and mutations which have marked the progress of the city, he has never failed to hold the confidence of the people and a very large share of their patronage. For forty-three years the name of Bodine has been identified with the shoe business and that this firm has kept pace with the times, is evidenced by the fact that today their stock of goods is as large and comprehensive, as fine in style and quality, and as thoroughly modern as any in the city. These facts, coupled with the long experience of both members of the firm and the universal confidence in their probity and correct business methods give them a prestige which cannot be overcome. It is thoroughly understood that whatever is of high quality, the latest style, pattern or finish can be had at Bodine's and at prices always honest and fair.

Virgil B. Bodine, was born November 14th, 1826, in Hamilton Co., O. He received a common school education, supplemented by his own study and reading. In 1837 with his parents he settled in Dearborn Co., Indiana, where he remained till 1843, when he returned to Ohio, locating in Cincinnati, and starting in life for himself. He began in Cincinnati in 1849, as a manufacturer of boots and shoes in the old way, and continued there until 1855, when he removed to Rushville and carried on the same business to 1863. At this time, owing to the improved methods, the manufacture of boots and shoes was discontinued, and Mr. Bodine became exclusively a boot and shoe merchant, of which the present business is the growth and outcome. The house has occupied the present location since 1874, a period of 24 years. In 1849 Mr. Bodine was married to Miss Dorcas A. Pool, of Cincinnati, and to this union five children were born, three of whom are living, two daughters and one son. Our subject is a member of the Odd Fellows order and the Presbyterian Church.

V. C. Bodine, the junior member of the firm, is the eldest son of V. B. Bodine, having been born at Cincinnati, March 5, 1851. He received such education as was obtainable in the common schools of Cincinnati and Rushville, and has devoted his entire business career to mercantile lines, and largely to the present business. During the years 1877 and 1878, he conducted a shoe store at Connersville, but since then has devoted his entire time and energy to the present business, assisting very materially to make it what it is. Feb. 24, 1875, he was married to Miss Mary Brann, daughter of Geo. W. Brann. She departed this life a number of years ago. March 18, 1896, he was again married to Miss Dora Osborn, who for a number of years has been highly esteemed as an instructor in the Rushville public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Bodine are members of the Methodist Church, and he is a member of the Odd Fellows order.



V. B. BODINE & SON'S SHOE STORE.



J. P. FRAZEE.

JOHN P. FRAZEE.

The lumber yard and coal office of John P. Frazee, near the C. H. & D. Depot of this city, are one of the landmarks of Rushville, it being the first lumber yard ever established in the city. It was originally conducted by William Havens the pioneer lumber man of this section, and January 1, 1891, Mr. Frazee the present proprietor was admitted to partnership with Mr. Havens, and in 1894, he became sole proprietor of the business. Mr. Frazee carries a full line of dressed and undressed lumber of all kinds, roof shingles, doors, sash, blinds, cement, coal, lime, and other things adapted to the necessities of builders, farmers and householders. The trade of this concern is mostly local, goods being shipped to the smaller towns in quantities to suit the purchasers. Building material of all descriptions finished and ready for immediate use is a specialty of the firm, and the facilities at hand for furnishing this class of goods are without a superior in Rush County. Orders are received for any quantities desired and filled without any delay or inconvenience to the buyer. Mr. Frazee is a courteous and clever man of business in whose word implicit confidence

can be placed. His friends are numbered among the most influential in this section of the State, and his personal popularity has had much to do with the success he has attained.

John P. Frazee is a native of this county, where he was born August 30, 1860, on the farm of his father, Rev. E. S. Frazee, near Fayetteville. His father was among the first settlers of this section, and suffered many of the hardships of a pioneer's life. His early education was received in the county schools. Later he was a student at Butler College. At the age of nineteen he left school and moved to Florida where he engaged extensively in the fruit raising business. After a successful career of seven years he returned to his native home and engaged in the business which he is now conducting. He was married April 25, 1888, to Miss Bertha Havens a daughter of Wm. Havens. To this union two sons and one daughter have been born. Mr. Frazee is a member of the Knights of Pythias and a Director in the newly organized Commercial Club. Like other business men in Rushville he has a strong desire to witness a new era of prosperity in the history of this city, and is ever ready to encourage such projects as promise to bring this end about. He lives with his family in a handsome property on North Main Street, recently purchased by him.

PARK PLACE GREENHOUSE.

Few people in Rushville realize that in the Park Place Greenhouse, they have a green house which is equal, in quantity and variety of stock carried, to many of the leading houses of a similar character in larger cities. Its proprietor, Mr. George F. Moore, is a practical man at the business, and has spent a life-time in studying its various branches. At the Park Place Greenhouse will be found every variety of pot flowers, garden plants, shrubs, roses, palms, ferns, vegetable plants of every description, in fact, everything which should be kept in an up-to-date and well-regulated green-



CHILDREN OF J. P. FRAZEE.

house. In addition to furnishing all varieties of growing plants, Mr. Moore furnishes cut flowers for parties, entertainments or funerals. He has made special preparations to cater to the public in the matter of flowers for the dead, and can furnish designs of all descriptions at short notice. Flowers can also be rented for house, hall or store decoration at a nominal cost.

Mr. George F. Moore was born October 12, 1858, at Milton, Wayne County, and at an early age engaged in a business similar to the one which he is following here in his native city, and for a number of years conducted it on an extensive scale. He moved to this city in 1894, and immediately thereafter purchased the site on which his buildings are located. He has an acre and a half of ground, and has erected in addition to an attractive home in which he lives three large greenhouses. He was married September 20, 1875, to Miss Irene Hunt, of Milton, and two children have blessed their union, a son and daughter. Communication may be had with the greenhouse by telephone, and orders left at Wyatt's furniture store will receive prompt attention.



FRAZEE LUMBER YARD.



PARK PLACE GREENHOUSE.

JOHN W. TOMPKINS.

As a citizen and business man the subject of this sketch enjoys the esteem and confidence of Rush County's people in the fullest measure. He has been closely identified with the business and political interests and developments of the community from early manhood, and wherever he has seen fit to cast the weight of his influence, has always been recognized as an important factor. He inherited much of the spirit, foresight, courage and tireless energy of his father, Geo. W. Tompkins, familiarly known as "Wash" Tompkins, who was one of the pioneers of Rush County, and was recognized as a power away back in the fifties and sixties. He was one of the most earnest, devoted and courageous patriots in Indiana in the dark days of the rebellion. He was always foremost and an acknowledged leader in all patriotic and loyal efforts in those days, and especially in conjunction with such men as Alf Thompson, of Orange, and Joseph Miller, were his services valuable in defeating and bringing to grief the treasonable plots of the "Knights of the Golden Circle," under the direction of Governor Morton. Inspired by this patriotic example, our subject, then but twenty years of age, early enlisted as a soldier, first in the one-year service, and after serving through that, veteranizing in the three-years service. He fought under P. A. Hockleman, and followed Sherman to the sea, and through all the hardships and vicissitudes of war no better or more faithful soldier ever carried a musket. After the great struggle was over and the country saved, he devoted his energies for a number of years to agricultural pursuits. Along with other duties he began to pay some attention to politics. He soon became popular as a local leader in his township, and in 1884 the Republican County Convention

placed him on the ticket as the candidate for sheriff. He was elected by a large majority, and again for a second term. As an officer he acquitted himself with more than ordinary ability and courage. It became his duty, as such officer, to arrest and bring to justice the noted Laughlin family, who resisted the law with more stubborn desperation than had ever been known in Rush County, converting, as they did, their own domicile into a fort, with guns, revolvers and

tions, until he now occupies two large buildings and will soon be compelled to add more space to accommodate the demands of his trade. On the first and second floors of the large frame building at the south east corner of the Court House Square, is the agricultural implement and machinery department, one of the most complete and comprehensive in South-eastern Indiana. Just opposite the southern entrance to the Court House is located Mr. Tompkin's main building, embracing the buggy, bicycle and harness departments, some idea of the character and extent of these may be gained by a glance at the accompanying engraving. These are conducted on the same scale as the implement department, if any difference being more extensive and complete.

Mr. Tompkins has always been alert to perceive and even anticipate the wants of his trade. He has ever made it a point to never be behind, but often in advance of the times. He has constantly made competition so close and warm in all lines of his business, as to bring prices to the lowest level of a living profit, thus saving the farmers many a hard earned dollar. But after all, the keynote to his unusual business progress is his "guarantee," which in this instance is not a mere idle word, but really means something. It means that any article sold under his guarantee will be replaced or made good, should it prove other than what is represented.

In short, the whole career of the subject of this sketch, as soldier, farmer, politician, public officer and business man, has been a continual emphasis of the old adage that "nothing succeeds like success."

John W. Tompkins was born in Milroy, Indiana, September 9th, 1841. On the 4th day of October, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Paulina E. Stewart, daughter of Chas. D. Stewart, who is his present wife, and one of the most exemplary and highly esteemed ladies of Rushville. To this union have been born six children, as follows, Nellie, Roley P. (deceased), Robert L., Adolphus, Herman, and Britta (deceased).

FARM LANDS.

The farms of Rush County are the best and most productive in the state. Hundreds of farmers here have made a sufficient amount of money in a few years to enable them to retire and enjoy the fruits of their labor. The farm houses and barns are far above the average buildings of a similar character found in other portions of the state. Every road in the county is a free pike and the entire county has been ditched and is systematically drained.



J. W. TOMPKINS.

knives for defense. Although it required the greatest exposure, and a regular battle to arrest these people, Tompkins accomplished it, and the skill and courage he displayed demonstrated that his mettle was of the genuine cast.

Mr. Tompkins has been engaged in his present line of business for the past eight years, embarking in it (without any previous experience in mercantile lines) immediately upon retiring from office. He began in a modest way, but has rapidly built it up to splendid propor-



OFFICE AND CARRIAGE REPOSITORY OF J. W. TOMPKINS & SON.

J. B. SCHRICHTE.



J. B. SCHRICHTE.

THE business of Monument making is a branch of manufacture which of recent years has developed largely, not only as regards extent, but in point of artistic perfection. Time was when a simple slab with a plain inscription was considered sufficient by all except the wealthiest class, to mark the resting place of the dead; but the demands of modern civilization are not so easily satisfied, hence it is that nearly all cemeteries now contain so many artistic and beautiful evidences of the Sculptor's art in commemoration of the virtues of departed relatives and friends. This is as it should be. Instead of being saddened by the monotonous and oftentimes unsightly appearance of crumbling head stones arranged in exact rows and bearing upon them emblems the reverse of comforting to the living, one may walk through the cemeteries of to-day and witness the highest creations of the Sculptor's profession, emblems, calculated to exalt, to comfort, and to lift above the earth's sordidness, giving a feeling of peace in the present and hope in the hereafter.

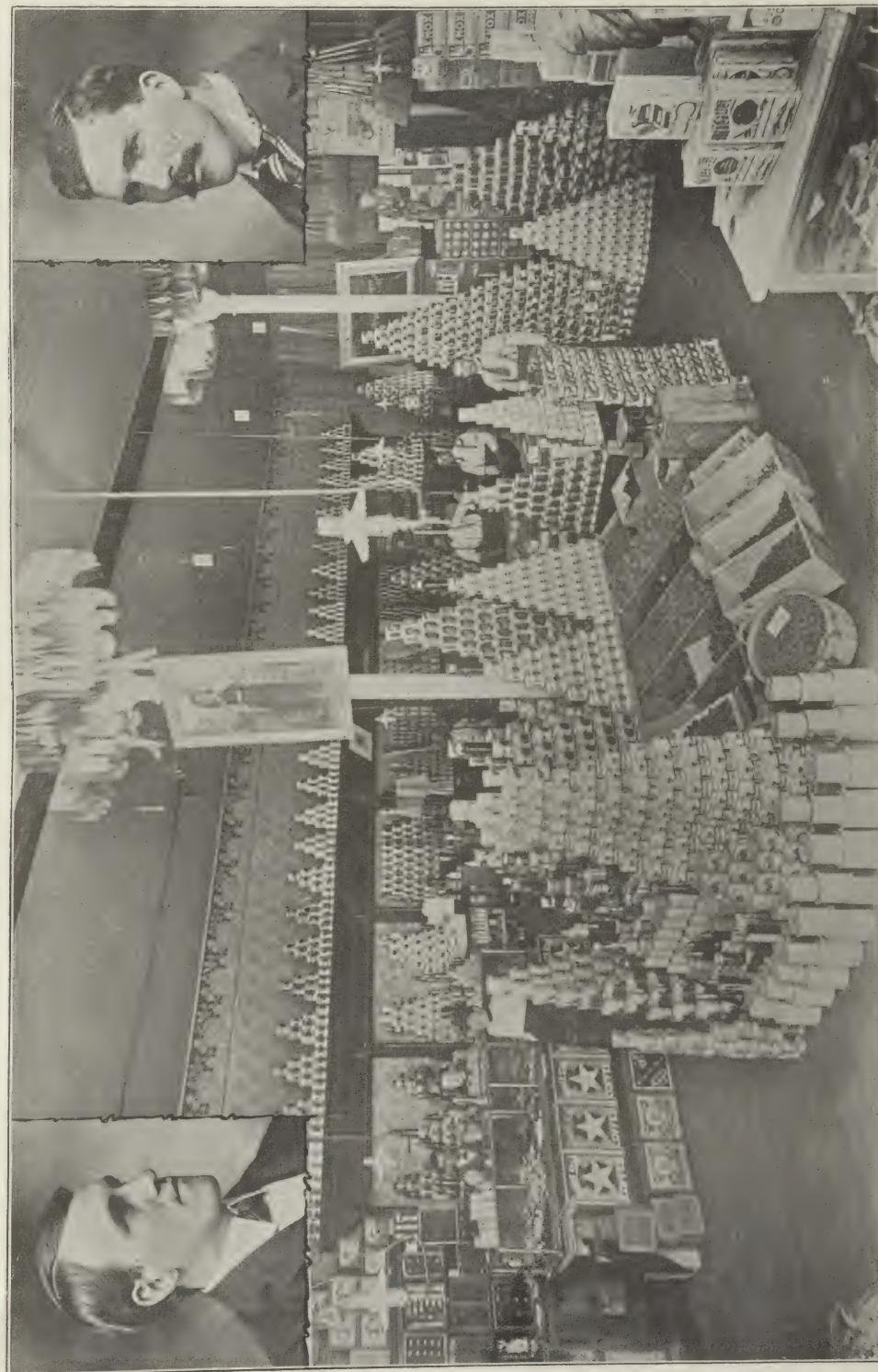
No one has done more to beautify the cemeteries and burying grounds of Rush and adjoining counties than J. B. Schrichte of Rushville. For the past forty years he has devoted his best abilities to exemplifying in his work the highest form of Mortuary Sculpture and decoration. Coming to Rushville in 1859, he commenced his business in a modest way, but worked so assiduously at it, and gave such entire satisfaction to all who favored him with their patronage that his business rapidly increased, and he is now known and recognized throughout this entire section as a leader in this profession. It is seldom you find outside of the large cities, a Marble Works more complete or better equipped to turn out work of all grades, and it is needless to say that all seasons of the year he is kept very busy. Orders for work are received from all parts of the

state, and it not infrequently occurs that monuments are shipped to other states. A force of five or six skilled mechanics is employed to keep pace with the business. In the details of manufacturing, Mr. Schrichte is ably assisted by his three sons; Tony, Frank and William. The elder of these, Tony, is considered one of the best designers, sculptors and art carvers in the whole country. He has, practically speaking, been born and reared in the business, is devoted to it and has made a life study of its every detail. For five years he was engaged in business for himself at Connersville. In this connection it is interesting to note that when a few years ago the state of Indiana desired to erect monuments to mark the resting place of the dead heroes who lie in the National burying ground at Chickamauga, designs for these monuments were submitted by all of the leading manufacturers of the United States. Forty were to be selected by a legislative committee, and although over eight hundred designs were submitted, Tony Schrichte was honored by having three out of eight of his designs chosen. This was a remarkable record and established for him a reputation which extended to all parts of the country, and established him in the front rank of designers. His association with his father makes it possible for this Rushville industry to furnish purely original and artistic work which can not be surpassed in elegance of execution anywhere. Mr. Schrichte makes a specialty of fine carving, such as romanesque and renaissance work which is just now everywhere so popular. New York, Georgia and Vermont furnish most of the marble he uses, while the red carnation, Scotch, Barre and Concord granite and Bedford stone are chiefly employed in monumental work. These come to him direct from the quarries, which give him a decided advantage over competitors. The citizens of Rush county should appreciate the efforts of Mr. Schrichte to give to them an up-to-date industry of some magnitude and should permit none of their work to go to foreign concerns who canvass this territory. This business was established in 1859 in a small room where the store of Winship & Payne is now located. After three years it was removed to a room where W. J. Waite is now in business. For twenty-one years the business prospered here and it was then that Mr. Schrichte removed to his present site on Main near First street. Here he has a lot 50 x 165 feet and on it, in addition to the shop and marble yard, is a comfortable residence, where with his family he resides. J. B. Schrichte was born in Hanover, Germany, May 1, 1835. At the age of eighteen he immigrated to this country and located at Hamilton, Ohio, where for three years he worked at his trade. He pursued the same vocation for two years in Brookville, this State, and then located in Rushville. February 5, 1861, he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Schuenbaum, then of Cincinnati, but who had been the school mate of his childhood days in the old country. To this union nine children, seven boys and two girls have been born, five of whom are now living. They are Tony, Frank and William, (who as stated above work for their father), Edward and Clara. The life of the subject of this sketch has been a most exemplary one and has been marked with a degree of success which is flattering to his skill, ability and judgment. He is highly esteemed by the citizens and for five years served them in the common council, being elected to this honor from the ranks of the Democratic party, to which faith he is a firm adherent. He takes an active interest in all things pertaining to the development of Rushville, and is a director and appraiser of the Prudential Building Association, also a stockholder in the People's Gas Co. and a member of the Commercial Club.

NOTE:—The accompanying illustration is a photo-engraving of a monument recently erected by Mr. Schrichte in the Fairview cemetery. This handsome piece of work was designed and executed in Mr. Schrichte's place of business and gives some idea of the elegance of the renaissance style of carving. It is one of the finest pieces of sculpture work ever executed in Rush county.



The Largest Grocery House in Rush County.



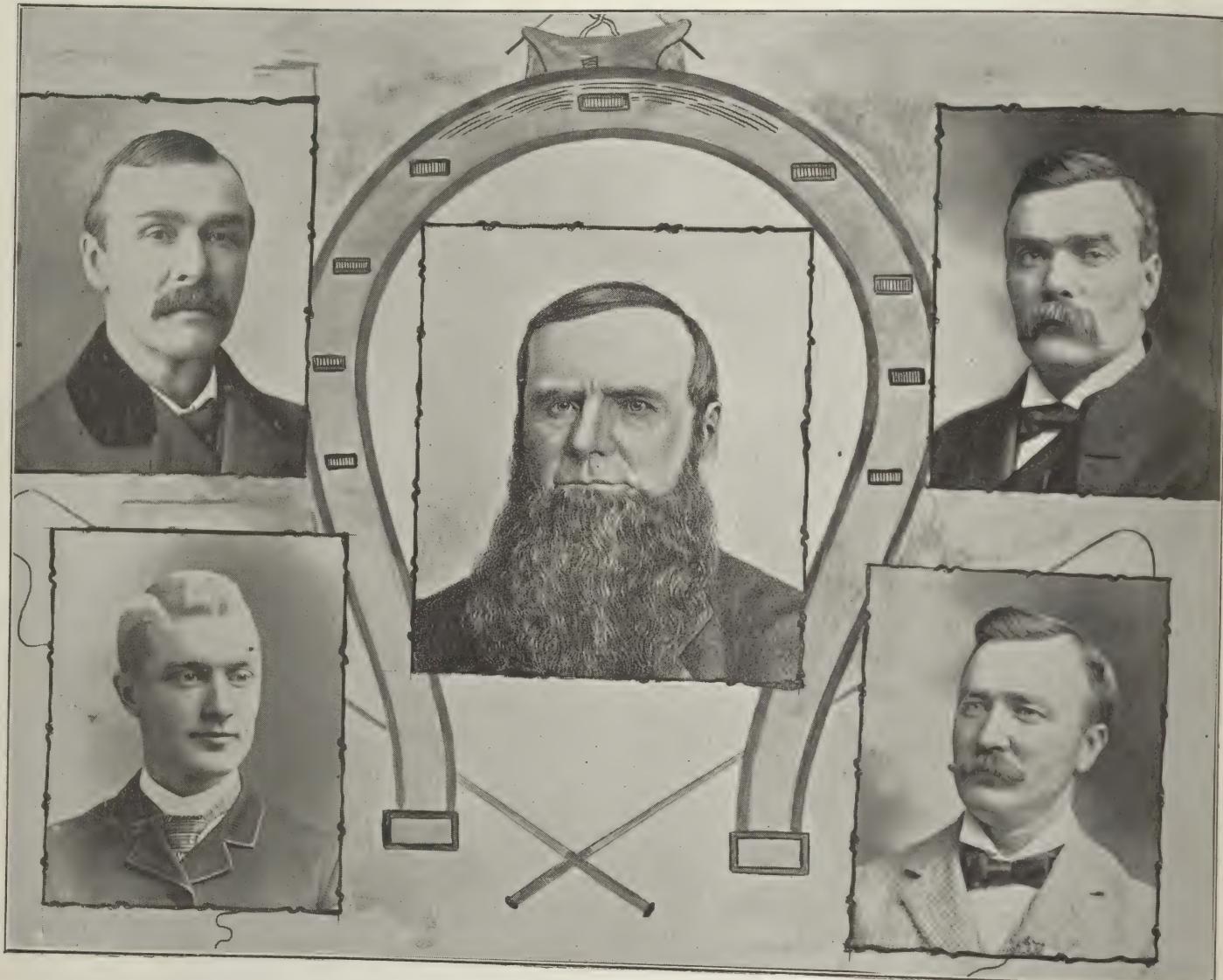
R. L. TOMPKINS.

Interior View Tompkins Bros' Cash Grocery.

A. W. TOMPKINS.

A FAMILY OF HORSEMEN.

THE GROUP in the accompanying illustration represents a family, not only the most noted in Rush County as pioneers and constant promoters of the great speed horse interests of this noted locality, but whose achievements in that direction have made their reputations as wide as the nation. The Wilsons have been the recognized authority and leaders in all phases of this growing industry "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," and they still justly hold that distinction. They have stood among the most successful breeders, the best developers of young and extreme speed, and in the very front rank of the successful and practical race-horse men of the country, and in this career they have been adding to their stock of this world's goods until they are recognized as among the select class of substantial men of this profession.



JNO. M. WILSON.

J. HOOKER WILSON.

JAS. WILSON.
JAMES WILSON.

RICHMOND J. WILSON.

DICK WILSON.

More than forty years ago "Jim" Wilson was universally recognized as the greatest Hoosier horseman. He had a judgment so correct and unusual in the recognition of that which was great and superior in horses, that it almost amounted to genius; and he exercised this trait to his own advantage, and often against the judgment of those about him, but was seldom if ever mistaken. It should be remembered that this was at a time in the history of the development of speed when he had to be and was guided almost solely by this peculiar instinctive judgment. There were no long lines of pedigrees and strains of patrician blood to guide him. His selections were almost wholly from plebeian stock and results have proven their positive wisdom.

Whenever "Jim" Wilson looked at the eye of a horse, at his limbs, at his coat of hair, at his fibre and texture and tested as "Sam" but which has passed into history as Blue Bull 75. This horse was absolutely unknown until discovered by the genius and judgment of "Jim" Wilson. He had neither lineage, notoriety, nor progeny, and yet Mr. Wilson said of him openly, "he is the greatest horse of all" and was laughed at by the learned students of blood. To-day in the light of re-or George Wilkes, all backed by great lineage and wealth, yet Blue Bull was only backed by "Jim" Wilson and his judgment. The same thing is practically true—possibly in a little less degree—of Pocahontas Boy and Legal Tender, Jr. He picked them out of the untried and unknown and they vindicated his judgment. Equal success attended his selections for the turf. Away back in the sixties he made up his mind that "Hoosier Tom" was to be the great winner of pacing contests, and with "Old Tom" surpassed the record of Dexter in a winning contest under saddle, piloted by his son "Samp" (J. M.) Wilson, (then a mere boy), placing $2:17\frac{1}{4}$ to the credit of the old timer. It made Wilson and all Hoosierdom famous throughout the country. From that time till his death his turf ventures were practically an unbroken series of successes.

JOHN M. ("Samp") WILSON.

The subject of this sketch is the eldest son of James and Ellen (Jameson) Wilson, born in Rush County, Indiana, Nov. 25, 1848 on the farm where his father established the first training track and the first and most extensive training, breeding and speed developing establishment known in this part of the country. It is entirely safe to say that no one man ever contributed more toward building up and giving prominence to speed and turf interests in the West than "Samp" Wilson. For thirty years or more his name has been a familiar term and his form a familiar presence in all turf circles and upon all prominent courses throughout the length and breadth of the country. He was the first and most successful trainer of the Blue Bull champions and it soon came to be understood that when "Samp" showed up at Chicago, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Cleveland or St. Louis with a fresh string of "Sam" colts from Flat Rock, the Hoosier hot bed, the Hambletonian, Mambrino, Golddust and Pilot, Jr. champions, who were always his competitors, were far from happy. Even the talent became very bashful and reserved about going up against 'em, and when they did venture to step on the spring, nearly always found the machine loaded. Thus it came about that the early admirers of this wonderful family became equally his admirers, and from that day to the present through all the uncertainties and vicissitudes of a long turf career his popularity has never grown less. That his career has been one of constant growth and progress is evidenced by the following: Beginning away back with Hoosier Tom 2:17 $\frac{1}{4}$ and coming down through the phenomenal old timers with such noted racers as Mamie, 2:21; Elsie Good, 2:22 $\frac{1}{4}$; Chance, 2:20 $\frac{1}{2}$; Ethel, 2:23; Lena Swallow, 2:19; Zoe B., 2:17 $\frac{1}{4}$; we find him in more modern times with such winners as Czar (3) 2:12 $\frac{1}{2}$, Gambrel, 2:10 $\frac{1}{2}$; Larabie (3), 2:12 $\frac{3}{4}$; Jennie C. (Brood Mare), 2:22; Alice Wilkes (2) 2:22; Rose Turner, 2:13 $\frac{1}{4}$; Fedora, 2:15, etc. But above all other badges of a successful turf career stands out very prominently the fact that when you hear great drivers discussed, "Samp" Wilson is always spoken of as one of the few, honest, and strictly truthful men of his class. There could be no higher compliment.

RICHMOND J. WILSON.

"Rich" Wilson, as he is familiarly known, was brought up on the old Flat Rock farm and to gravitate to the horse business was simply second nature with him. He was an important factor in all the early development of speed and the race contests and victories that first made Rush County famous. He drove Charley Evans 2:19 $\frac{3}{4}$; Lulu K. 2:23 $\frac{1}{4}$; Blue Bells and many others of the old celebrites in a host of winning contests at a period in turf history when these records meant extreme speed. Later he bred, developed and sold such good ones as Della Megee, 2:28 $\frac{1}{2}$ (sold to Andy Welsh for \$2,500); Eura 2:18 $\frac{3}{4}$; Silverdale 2:25 $\frac{1}{2}$; O. K. 2:26 $\frac{1}{4}$; Maywood 2:21 $\frac{1}{4}$ and many others. In short, it is safe to say that no man in Indiana has raised, developed and sold more noted horses than "Rich" Wilson. At the same time he has carried on an extensive business in farming, having a fine half-mile track on his own farm. When the great Glenview sale took place Mr. Wilson being an admirer of the Nutwood stock, bought the yearling colt Arrowood whose dam is by Geo. Wilkes, paying the highest price ever paid for a yearling up to that date, namely, \$3,025.00. This horse has proved a great success and is still owned by him.

Our subject was born June 2nd, 1852, in Rush County, Indiana, being the second son of James and Ellen Wilson. March 25, 1879, he was married to Miss Kate Pugh, the only daughter of the late Dr. W. A. Pugh. To this union two daughters have been born, Misses Reuella and Lucia, both charming young ladies. Mr. Wilson with his family, resides in his own home on Main street, one of the handsomest pieces of residence property in the city. He is a member of the Order of Red Men and the Royal Arcanum.

"DICK" WILSON.

Among the many noted reinsmen who have gone out to success and fame from eastern and central Indiana, nearly all of whom received their elementary lessons on Rush County tracks, none have achieved greater distinction than the subject of this sketch. He is the third son of James and Ellen (Jameson) Wilson and was born at the old Flat Rock Farm March 10th, 1858, and came to his young manhood when that establishment was at its zenith. He received his early lessons under the guidance and instruction of his elder brother "Samp" Wilson. Dick was possessed of natural qualifications which especially adapted him to this profession. He was quick, companionable, buoyant, independent and courageous, and with these qualifications, he was soon the peer of his instructor. Their friendly but spirited contests in training were frequently attended with greater interest than many genuine races for "blood." But Dick's natural independence and foresight early induced him to break away from his environments and go it alone, so for quite a number of years we find him developing and campaigning on his own responsibility, and with what success the books show. It is safe to say that no turfman of his age has more records and more fast ones to his credit than Dick Wilson. The following are only a few of the more noted: Bumps 2:04 $\frac{1}{4}$; Silver Chimes 2:08 $\frac{1}{4}$; Courier Journal 2:08 $\frac{1}{4}$; Henry F. 2:09 $\frac{1}{4}$; Mosul 2:09 $\frac{1}{4}$; Pachen Boy (3) 2:10 $\frac{3}{4}$; Nancy Time 2:13 $\frac{1}{4}$; Allegro 2:14 $\frac{1}{4}$, etc.

For the past two seasons the subject of this sketch and "Samp" Wilson have been partners in conducting one of the largest and most successful campaigning stables that ever went through the big circuit. They had among their winners such noted ones as Bumps, Silver Chimes, Courier Journal, Pachen Boy, and placed to their credit in winnings during the season of '97 close to \$50,000.00. To be the trainer and successful campaigner of such a horse as Bumps is glory and emolument enough for any one man. By virtue of these successes "Dick" Wilson has come to be classed with such men as Marvin, Doble, Hicock, Saunders and Geers.

J. HOOKER WILSON.

The youngest member of the Wilson family possesses all the affability and fine sense of humor, that has characterized the Wilsons for three generations or more. He is always companionable and a good entertainer. Very early in life, owing doubtless as much to his natural bent, as to environments, he conceived a very decided penchant for all kinds of out-door sports always excelling in whatever he took a part. At one time he held the championship of Indiana as a bicycle rider, and also as a rifle shot. He is an expert in fancy shooting with a rifle, and more than ten years ago, won a contest in New York, receiving as a prize an elegant gold-mounted rifle, which was exhibited at the World's Fair and took first premium. He has been driving horses for about twelve years, being, perhaps, most of that time employed by his brothers "Samp" and "Dick" Wilson, thus affording him a most excellent opportunity to be master of his business. During different seasons he was employed to train and campaign in the East, first by M. T. Pooler, of Skowhegan, Maine, and afterward by S. C. Wells, of LeRoy, N. Y. For two seasons he conducted a public training stable at Scranton, Pa., and during that time campaigned and worked such good ones as Allen Lowe, 2:12 $\frac{1}{2}$; Bonita, 2:14 $\frac{3}{4}$; Queen Gothard, 2:14 $\frac{1}{2}$; Gossiper, 2:15 $\frac{1}{4}$; Maud L., 2:16 $\frac{1}{4}$; Ralph, 2:17 $\frac{1}{4}$ and many others.

J. Hooker Wilson was born in Rush County, Ind., May 29, 1865. On the 28th day of September, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Bowen, one of the most charming young ladies of Rushville, which city they make their home. During the past season (1898) Mr. Wilson campaigned through the big circuit.



DRY GOODS STORE OF N. LEVINSON.

basis that he has built up and holds the enormous trade which he enjoys. The fact that he buys and sells only for cash, gives him a great advantage over competitors in the matter of quoting prices. As a citizen the subject of this sketch has at all times been recognized as one of the most progressive in the community. Mr. Levinson is a native of this state, having been born in New Albany, Sept. 28, 1854. In 1889 he located in the neighboring city of Shelbyville, but after being engaged in business there for five years removed to this city. He was married April 22nd, 1885, to Miss Nora Mann of Akron, Ohio. To this union two children have been born, a son and a daughter. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and Masonic Fraternity.

N. LEVINSON.

FIYE YEARS of continued business success in Rushville is the proud record of which N. Levinson can boast. During these years Mr. Levinson's popularity has increased and his business expanded, until today he is a recognized leader in the dry goods business, not only in Rushville, but in Rush County as well. His store, which is located on Main, between Second and Third streets contains a complete and comprehensive stock of dry goods, dress goods, notions and millinery, and at all seasons of the year here can be found a large assortment of the latest novelties and fashions. So extensive is the business done by the house, that the proprietor finds it necessary to employ nine or more clerks the year round. The key-note to the success of this house has been low prices and good goods. The proprietor is a firm believer in small profits and quick sales and it is on this



HARVEY M. COWING.

CHAS. E. COWING.

benefited. Both of the brothers are enterprising business men, and have removed their families here, and will make this their future home. Both are members of the Christian Church, the K. of P. and the Modern Woodmen. Chas. E. Cowing was born at New Salem, May 21, 1857. His early life was spent in that town. After acquiring a common school education, he mastered the trade of harness making. In 1881 he engaged in business in New Salem and continued until 1890, when he removed to Milroy. His Milroy business was successful but in August of last year, the business was located here in the room now occupied by it on Main street, directly opposite the Court House entrance. December 22, 1878, Mr. Cowing was married to Mary J. Sheppard of New Salem, and to the union three children have been born. Mr. Cowing and his family live on Third street.

The life of Harvey Cowing has been similar to that of his elder brother. He was born at New Salem, Dec. 2, 1865, and after completing his schooling learned his trade in the shop of his brother. He continued working for him until in 1893, when he was admitted to partnership. He was married January 29, 1890, to Miss Laura Huffman of New Salem and one daughter has blessed the union. He resides on First street.

C. E. COWING & BRO.

ELTHOUGH the firm of C. E. Cowing & Bro. has been in Rushville scarcely a year, there is no firm doing a more satisfactory business. The members, Charles E. and Harvey M. Cowing, are well known and well liked in the county, and both are thorough and practical harness makers. In addition to the manufacturing of harness, the firm has a complete line of high-grade wheeled vehicles. Such well known goods as those made by the Columbus Buggy Co., P. P. Mast, of Springfield, Ohio, and the Bimel Buggy Co., of Sidney, Ohio, are carried in stock. Their cheaper grade of buggies is manufactured at Kalamazoo, Mich. The firm make a specialty of light driving harness, and it is safe to say that nowhere in the country can a better or more durable harness of this character be secured. Two skilled mechanics are employed in the manufacturing department, and every piece of harness which is sold in their store, is made under the personal direction of the proprietors. A full line of horse furnishings is kept constantly on hand, and special attention is given to repair work. The accession of the Cowing Bros. to the business circles of Rushville is one whereby the city is



REPOSITORY OF C. E. COWING & BRO.



ED. CROSBY.

This business was established in 1889, by Edward Crosby, the younger of the two brothers, who has spent his life since boyhood in perfecting himself in the details of this work, having been engaged in painting and decorating for fourteen years prior to engaging in business. The elder brother, Joseph, who is also a practical man was admitted to partnership in 1896.

The Crosby Brothers are sons of H. D. Crosby, of Milroy, where both were born, Joseph Crosby was born July 22d, 1855, he located in Rushville in 1870, and was married June 26, 1890, to Miss Ella Root, a niece of I. P. Root, one of the best known citizens of Milroy.

CROSBY BROS.

LOCATED at 309 Commercial Block is the business of Crosby Bros. This firm carry a complete stock of wall paper, window shades, paints, oils, varnish, brushes, glass, pictures and frames, art goods, artist supplies, and in addition do an extensive contracting business. They furnish estimates on house painting, paper hanging, exterior and interior decorating, etc. Both of the brothers are thorough and practical men at the business, and as they personally superintend all contracts their customers are assured of getting the very best work which skilled workmen and the best of material can produce. It is well worth the time of those contemplating the improving of their homes to call and inspect the stock carried, as here will be found everything which a generation looking for something fine and novel demands and at reasonable prices.



JOS. CROSBY.

To this union one child has been born, a daughter. He lives with his family on North Main street, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic Fraternity.

Edward was born two years later, November 8th, 1857. He adopted Rushville as his home in 1878. October 18th, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Kate Laughlin of Richland, and the union has been blessed by the birth of a daughter. He lives on Third street. He belongs to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Red Men and Royal Arcanum.



INTERIOR CROSBY BROS.

MILLINERY EMPORIUM OF MRS. ELLA MASON.

IT IS a rare thing that one chooses exactly the calling in life that he or she is especially adapted to. To know how to choose well in the first instance, is one of the greatest gifts—scarcely short of genius—involving the capacity to promptly discover the best and the tact to seize it. There are many people of keen minds and great observation who are yet at a loss when it comes to choosing, by reason of some lack of courage or decision of character. They always take the worst, as if they had to go wrong. This is failure, the opposite is success. When Mrs. Ella Mason started into business in Rushville about thirty years ago, she at once became the leading milliner of the city, and there has not been a moment since then that she has not occupied the very first position, as against all competitors. The people of this city and county have learned that when they desire any article in the line of millinery that is "just the thing" and strictly up-to-date, they can always obtain it at Mrs. Mason's. Her natural genius for her business, her thorough mastery of all its details, her ability to select and combine colors so as to harmonize with the most refined tastes, have made her establishment very popular with the ultra fashionable classes, and it is from these that she receives a very large share of her patronage. It is not always true that one can get the cheapest articles at Mrs. Mason's; but it is true that one can get the best, the most beautiful and the most stylish, and the price is always in honest keeping with the quality. Thus by an honest, straightforward policy, coupled with genuine art and the highest talents of her calling, she early secured and has constantly held the public confidence. What Mrs. Mason has accomplished in her business career is the strongest proof that these things are true. Starting in a modest way and without capital, she has, unaided, accumulated property and established a business reputation that would be highly creditable to any man, but which for a woman is wonderful. She owns four of the best business rooms in the city, besides a considerable amount of personal property. It is evident from such a record that the business Mrs. Mason has established and devoted her life to will never grow less in popularity.



INTERIOR OF MRS. ELLA MASON'S MILLINERY EMPORIUM.



CHAS. KOHLHEIER.

bridge City, Ind., where there was a good mile track. While here, it is safe to say he owned, raised and developed as many celebrated horses as any man in the state. Among them were Downey, 2:13 $\frac{1}{4}$; H. T. Michner, 2:14; Gamrose, 2:16 $\frac{1}{4}$; Gusto, 2:19 $\frac{1}{4}$; Goethe, 2:19 $\frac{1}{2}$; Gambyron, 2:19 $\frac{1}{2}$ (sold for \$6000 under the hammer), and many others. As a campaigner and trainer of young stock, he was a marked success, and no youngster that was ever brought out in Indiana, created more of a sensation than did Gambyron as a two-year old, driven by his owner. He met and vanquished all colts of his age in this part of the country, and could have acquired a much faster record, had he not been sold and retired from the turf for stock purposes. July 22, 1894, Mr. Kohlheier removed from Cambridge City to Rushville, and established his present business, which has been a marked success from its very beginning. April 12, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Lutz. To this union two daughters have been born, Cecil and Bertha. Mr. Kohlheier is a member of the Red Men, Knights of Maccabees, Order of Ben Hur, and Munchers of Hard Tack.



MEAT MARKET OF CHAS. KOHLHEIER.

THE PINNELL-KEMPER LUMBER CO.

Among the recent accessions to Rushville is J. B. Kemper, junior partner and manager of the Pinnell-Kemper Lumber Co. While the firm is a new one, the business has been established for a number of years, and was prior to the recent change, conducted under the name of Pinnell & Huffman. In April of this year, Mr. Huffman disposed of his interest in the business to Mr. Kemper who comes to this city with the highest commendations of the citizens of his former home, both in a social and business way. For the past twelve years he has been superintendent of the Foster Lumber & Planing Mill Co., of Indianapolis. During his long association with this company, he gained a knowledge of the details of this business, which is now of great value to him. He has handled a number of the largest contracts in the state, among which might be mentioned the interior work at the Indiana Reformatory, the large Johnson-Morgan, and Muncie Loan Association blocks at Muncie, and residences in all parts of the state. Being thoroughly competent to form plans and specifications, and approximate bills on any kind of mill or building work, Mr. Kemper will take pleasure in assisting carpenters, contractors, and builders in making estimates on work and materials. Since taking charge of the business here, Mr. Kemper has more than doubled the stock carried, and has reduced prices in nearly

every department and in the short time he has been here, business has increased to such an extent that the mill is kept constantly busy filling orders.

J. W. Pinnell, the senior member of the firm, resides at Indianapolis, and is recognized as one of the largest lumbermen in the state. He is interested in five



MILL AND YARD OF THE PINNELL-KEMPER LUMBER CO.



J. B. KEMPER

industries of this kind, and is thus enabled to buy in quantities which secure for him the lowest possible price and permit the company to make close figures. J. B. Kemper was born in Indianapolis, June 30, 1857. His father was a carpenter and contractor, and he was practically raised in the business. After receiving an education in his native city, he accepted a position as yard-foreman of the Cutler-Savage Lumber Co., of Spring Lake, Mich. After five years service with them, he associated himself with the Foster Co., with which firm he remained continuously until he embarked in his present business. May 15, 1878, he was married to Miss Fannie Wood, of New York, and to this union, two sons and a daughter have been born. He is a member of the Baptist Church, K. of P., Knight of the Maccabees, and the Hoo-Hoo, an organization of lumbermen.



INTERIOR OF C. W. BURT'S DRY GOODS STORE.

prices as close as is consistent with the quality of stock he handles. He is ably assisted in the store by Mrs. Gertie Smith, Fon Burt and Clair Johnson. C. W. Burt was born on his father's farm in Richland township in this county, Oct. 15, 1845. He was raised in the county and undertook his first business venture during the civil war, as a photographer. After the war he accepted a position as a salesman in the store of Dixon & Reeves, and later with Mauzy & Sons. In 1868 he formed a partnership with J. B. Reeves, and for eleven years conducted a store under the firm name of Reeves & Burt. In 1890 he retired from the firm and started his present business. Dec. 19, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Hypatha Link, of this city, and resides in a handsome home of his own at the corner of Third and Perkins streets.

C. W. BURT.

THONESTY and fairness in dealing with customers mark the foundation upon which the thriving business of C. W. Burt has been built. For nearly a quarter of a century Mr. Burt has been identified with the business interests of Rushville, and during that time he has conducted his business in a manner which has made friends of his patrons, and as a result he is today numbered among the most prosperous of the city's dry goods merchants. In his store on Main street, between Second and Third, can be found one of the most complete and best selected stocks of dry goods in the county. In addition to dry goods and dress goods he carries a full line of ladies' furnishing goods and ready made costumes, cloaks and wraps, carpets, linoleums and other floor coverings. Window shades and draperies are also handled. Mr. Burt gives his business his closest attention, conducts it upon an economical basis, and sells his goods at



RESIDENCE OF C. W. BURT.

RILEY HUNT.

ONE of the most popular traveling salesmen who "make" Rushville is Riley Hunt, who covers this territory in the interest of the Van Camp Hardware & Iron Co., of Indianapolis. Mr. Hunt is a native of Rush County, and until within the past few months made this city his home. He is the oldest son of Levi S. Hunt, a prosperous merchant of Fayetteville. He was born at New Salem, March 23, 1865, but his early life was spent at Fayetteville, to which point his father moved when he was but a small child. After graduating from the Fayetteville schools, he clerked in his father's store until 1888, when he located in Connorsville, and clerked for the hardware firm of Hull & Hanson and their successors, Beckett & Burtt, for three years. He then returned to Rush County, and for the following four years, clerked in the hardware store of M. R. Hull. In 1893 he left the employ of Mr. Hull and accepted a similar position with Havens & Riggs, resigning one year later to accept his present position. As a hardware drummer he has been eminently successful, and there are few men in Indiana who enjoy a more liberal patronage. He applies himself closely to his business, and is ever alert to the best interests of his customers as well as to his house. December 20, 1887, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Miss Anna Holland McMahon, of Richmond, Ohio, and this union has been blessed by the birth of a son and daughter, Wilbert C. and Nellie Enti Hunt. Mr. Hunt and his family now make their home in Indianapolis. He is a member of the K. of P., I. O. O. R., and the Commercial Travelers' Association.



RILEY HUNT.



INTERIOR RUSH COUNTY HARDWARE CO'S. STORE.

RUSH COUNTY HARDWARE CO.

The credit of operating the neatest and most attractive hardware store in Rushville belongs to M. R. Hull, Secretary, Treasurer and Manager of the Rush County Hardware Company. This business is located on Main street in what is known as the Behr-King block, and they carry a complete line of hardware, embracing tools, farm and agricultural implements, stoves, tinware, etc. The building which is the home of the business is 167x20 feet and affords a large and commodious space for the shelving of the immense stock carried. Mr. Hull who has entire charge, and the active management of the business is well known to the people of this community, having been engaged in business here for the past fifteen years. The company was organized in 1897 for the purpose of increasing the buying facilities of the concern, thus enabling them to sell at a closer margin. M.



M. R. HULL.

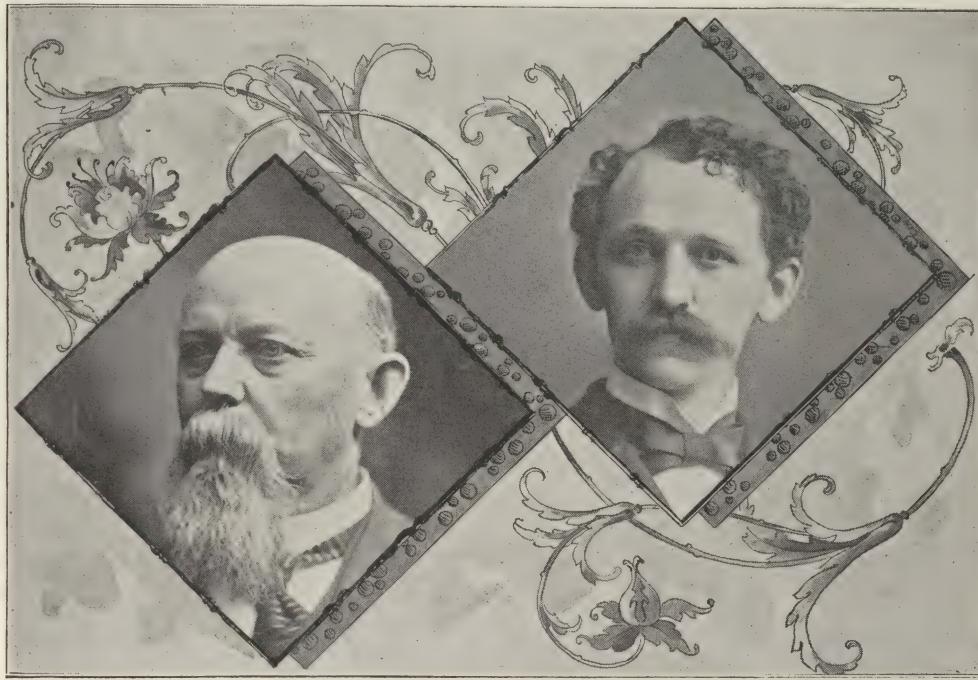
JOHN KENNARD.

OVER forty years continuously spent in one line of business is a remarkable record, but one of which John Kennard & Payne shoe store, and is decidedly popular with the trading public. The storeroom is neat and attractive, and a complete stock of jewelry, diamonds, watches, clocks and novelties is carried. One of the principal parts of this business, however, is the repair department, and to this the proprietor gives his special attention. There are probably few men in the country more competent jewelers or watchmakers than the subject of this sketch. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to one of the leading retail jewelers of New York City and served for seven years. After thus mastering the trade he accepted a situation in the metropolis and continued working at it until 1881, when on account of failing health he was compelled to leave the city. It was then that he located in Rushville, rented a window in the storeroom just south of his present quarters and in a modest way commenced a business which was destined to become a great success. Mr. Kennard enjoys the entire confidence of the people and though modest and unostentatious, the large share of public patronage which

R. Hull was born at New Concord, O., August 5, 1848. His early life was spent in that state. In June, 1883, he removed to Rushville, and immediately after locating here engaged in the hardware business. In this connection it is interesting to note that there are perhaps few men in this state who have had a more extensive experience, or are more familiar with this business than the subject of this sketch, as he has spent over thirty-one years of his life in active participation in this line of work. He was married Dec. 30, 1880 to Miss Lou S. Smith of Rochester, N. Y., and to this union one child has been born, a daughter. Mr. Hull with his family resides on Main street. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and also a member of Eastern Star Lodge. He belongs to the Methodist Church. He is assisted in his store by Mr. S. C. Connor, a popular and experienced salesman.

he enjoys is a high compliment to him. The subject of this sketch was born in New York City, July 7, 1840. He received his early schooling in that city. July 5, 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Mount of New York and to the union one child has been born a daughter, who is now grown and is the wife of Washington Allen. Mr. Kennard lives with his family on the corner of Morgan and Ruth Streets in a neat and comfortable home of his own. Mr. Kennard is deeply interested in anything pertaining to the development of this city, and is president of the Rushville Building Association No. 10, and also belongs to the Commercial Club. He is an extensive owner of real estate in the city.

J. R. CARMICHAEL & BRO.



J. R. CARMICHAEL.

L. MARSH CARMICHAEL.

brothers are sons of the late Jno. Carmichael, who was the pioneer miller of Rush Co., and who as such probably exerted a greater influence in the way of bringing trade to Rushville than any other man in the county. John Robinson Carmichael was born in this county, Nov. 25, 1839, and was raised here, receiving his early education in the city schools. He completed his schooling at Hanover College and Miami University at Oxford. After returning from school, he clerked in a local store, where he remained for ten years, when he resigned to become postmaster under Lincoln. After two years service he engaged in business for himself. He was married Nov. 24, 1868 to Miss Laura E. Poe, of this city, and to the union five children have been born. He resides in an attractive home of his own on North Main street. He is a Mason and member of the Royal Arcanum, and Presbyterian Church. L. Marsh Carmichael, the junior member of the firm, was born Nov. 25, 1850. He attended school at the Miami University. After leaving school he spent three years in business in Indianapolis, when he returned to Rushville and clerked continuously for his brother, until he was admitted to partnership. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN S. BEALE.

AMONG the young business men of Rushville who have scored a pronounced success is John S. Beale. His place of business, which is located in the Commercial Block on Main Street, is at all seasons of the year a place of activity, which in a general way indicates the volume of business done. Mr. Beale started in business in Rushville as a tinner, and so efficient was he in this branch of work, that he to-day is recognized as one of the best tinniers in this section of the state. Later he added to his business plumbing, gas and steam fitting departments, complete in every detail, and is now enjoying a lucrative business in each of these branches. Mr. Beal carries in stock the most complete line of fittings in this city, and also keeps for the convenience of the public, a full line of pumps of all kinds, lubricating oils, etc. A large force of skilled workmen are employed and Mr. Beale guarantees all work entrusted to his care. He has a contract for tapping city mains for parties desiring water service. The subject of this sketch was born and raised in this city and is the son of the late Tom Beale. After leaving school he learned the tinniers' trade, and for a number of years worked in Indianapolis and other cities as a journeyman. His present business was established in 1892, and has been a success from the start. Mr. Beal is a member of the I. O. O. R.

THE Carmichaels have been linked with the business interests of Rushville since it first became a trading point. Dr. W. B. Laughlin, grandfather of the brothers who are the subject of this sketch, was the founder of Rushville, and from that day there has not been a time when his descendants have not been active factors in its commercial circles. J. R. Carmichael has been engaged in the dry goods business here since 1874. Mr. Carmichael has always enjoyed a good trade, but this was greatly increased, when, a year ago, the business was entirely reorganized, and Mr. L. Marsh Carmichael was admitted to partnership, and the old and disastrous credit system was abandoned, and the business put on a cash basis. Cash is paid for all goods, and the firm is enabled to quote very low prices. Dry goods, dress goods, notions, floor coverings, etc., are carried in stock. The Carmichael



INTERIOR OF CARMICHAEL'S DRY GOODS STORE.

COX & YAUKY.



WILBUR J. COX.



RESIDENCE OF WILBUR J. COX.



RIM AND SPOKE FACTORY OF COX & YAUKY.

THE rim and spoke factory of Cox & Yauky was founded in 1893, by the present proprietors. The factory proper is in a building 70 x 105 feet, located in the north-western part of the city. The firm manufactures all styles and sizes of vehicle wheel material, and have a daily capacity of enough rims and spokes to equip from two to three hundred buggies. These goods are shipped to all parts of the country. The factory gives employment to about fifty men, and in addition to this, each year distributes a large amount of money among the farmers of this and adjoining counties: the major part of the raw material being bought in this vicinity. Wilbur J. Cox was born on the farm of his father, George Cox, in Preble County, Ohio, Jan. 16th, 1864. Six years later his father removed with his family to Indiana, and located near New Castle. After attaining his majority, Mr. Cox engaged in business in New Castle.



H. C. YAUKY.



RESIDENCE OF H. C. YAUKY.

similar to that which he is conducting here. On March 28th, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Starr, and to this union two children have been born, Hazel, aged nine, and Royden, aged seven. Mr. Cox is a member of the Knights of Pythias. H. C. Yauky was born in Henry County, this state, March 11, 1856, on the farm of his father, John Yauky. His early life was spent in that county, and, like his partner, he was engaged in the lumber and manufacturing business near New Castle, in which business he has had fifteen years experience. He was united in marriage on Sept. 24, 1869, to Miss Ruth Allinder. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees. This firm in addition to manufacturing carry on an extensive hardwood lumber business.

BETKER & TOMPKINS.

JUST east of the post office on Morgan street is located the cigar store and factory of Betker & Tompkins. This store is a credit to Rushville, and attracts the attention and admiration of all strangers who visit here. A line of cigars, tobacco and smokers' supplies is carried. The firm is the local representative of the American Tobacco Company. The rear part of the building is used as a factory, and it is here that the celebrated Raymo and Del Rhea cigars are manufactured. The firm is composed of Theo. W. Betker and Robt. L. Tompkins. Theo. W. Betker who has charge of the business, was born in Cincinnati, July 6, 1863. He moved to Rushville when quite young and attended the Rushville schools up to the time of his father's death in 1881. Immediately afterwards he took a position with Benjamin F. Martin, as clerk in grocery, leaving there to take charge of the trimming department of the Parry Manufacturing Company. In 1883 he took a position with Geo. Wingerter's cigar manufacturing establishment. He worked himself up to foreman, book-keeper and general manager, and in 1891 was admitted to partnership and the factory was removed to Indianapolis. In 1892 he sold his interest to Mr. Wingerter and returned to Rushville, where in March, 1893, he engaged in his present business with Robt. L. Tompkins. Oct. 17th, 1898, the factory was removed to the present location and the retail business was added. Mr. Betker was married Oct. 25, 1888 to Miss Nellie Tompkins, and one child was born to them, Lillian Pauline, Dec. 17th, 1891. Mr. Betker is a member of the K. of P., Rushville Social Club, Commercial Club, and other societies.



INTERIOR OF BETKER & TOMPKINS CIGAR STORE.



THEO. W. BETKER

O. C. NORRIS.

O. C. NORRIS was one of the first men in Rush County to urge the use of commercial fertilizers in this vicinity, and for the past seven years he has devoted his time and energy to the study of agricultural chemistry, and to the discovering of a fertilizer which is best suited to the peculiar soil of this locality. Tests have been made with a view to securing the highest possible results from fertilizers combining the most valuable chemical properties and giving to the land the most soluble plant substance. These are found to exist in mineral phosphates and other matter treated after certain formulas and so prepared as to render each fertilizer perfect in its application to secure specific results. He has after careful research selected several leading brands of eastern fertilizers, which experience has taught him are the best and most economical for the soil in this county. In saying that these brands are the most economical, it is not meant to convey the idea that they are the lowest in price, but they are certainly a better investment than the many so called cheap fertilizers which are now on the market. Mr. Norris takes pleasure in furnishing an analysis of the brands he handles, at any time to parties interested. Mr. Norris has for years been a prominent farmer in this community, and has experimented with every prominent brand sold in this locality, and he is therefore capable and able of rendering an opinion from observation and not from hearsay. O. C. Norris was born in this county Aug. 26, 1862, and is the oldest son of D. C. Norris. He was raised on his father's farm near Rushville, and received a county school education, supplemented by a course in Butler University at Indianapolis. After leaving school he farmed for himself, and is now located on a 151 acre farm of his own, 3½ miles north-east of Rushville, and has since that time successfully followed the vocation. February 27, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma G. Moffet, and is the father of two children. He is a member of the Masonic Order, the I. O. O. F., Modern Woodmen, and *Phi-Delta-Theta*—the latter a college Greek fraternity. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Norris has taken a large number of orders for the coming season, and with scarcely a single exception, those who have used his fertilizers in the past have re-ordered.



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THE oldest druggist in Rushville is Dr. E. D. Beher. He was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, July 22, 1836, and when but a small child, removed with his parents to this city. His early education which was obtained in the public schools, was supplemented by a course in the Fairview Academy and the Hamilton County Academy. Later he entered the Ohio Medical College, graduating from that institution in 1857. After leaving school he re-located here and opened an office and began the practice of medicine. In 1865 he opened his drug store and has been continuously engaged in the business since. He is a skilled optician and makes a specialty of optical goods and also surgical supplies of all kinds. He has on the market a number of proprietary preparations which are very popular. He is quite extensively interested in real estate, and in addition to his Rushville possessions, owns valuable property in Greenfield, this state, and in Kansas and Texas.

CHAS. E. FERRELL.

CHAS. E. FERRELL was until recently numbered among the business men of this city.

For several years he was the local manager of the Factory Shoe Company, but when in September of the past year that company removed to Newcastle, Mr. Ferrell accepted a situation as traveling salesman for a large shoe factory. His headquarters are in Indianapolis, where he has an office in the Stevenson Block. There are very few men traveling on the road who are better posted on shoes, than Mr. Ferrell, and as he is popular with the trade, it is safe to predict that his new venture will be equally as successful as was the Factory Shoe Store under his management. Mr. Ferrell has recently opened a well equipped shoe and general store in West Indianapolis, where he is doing a splendid business. Few men have ever removed from Rushville who had a wider circle of acquaintance or warmer friends than Mr. Ferrell.



CHAS. E. FERRELL.

NEW YORK CHEAP STORE.

ONE OF the stores in Rushville which enjoys a large share of the public patronage is that of Alex P. Felter, known as The New York Cheap Store. To attempt to enumerate the various lines of goods carried in stock would be almost impossible, and a better idea can be gathered by a glance at the accompanying illustration than by an attempt to go into detail. Every conceivable article for which there can be found a use in any household can be found on the shelves, and so enormous is the stock carried that three floors are required to accommodate it. A person paying a first visit to this store will be surprised at the cheapness at which goods are sold. The business was established in this city six years ago and has been a success from the start. Mr. Felter is ably assisted in the store by his daughter, Miss Bertha.

The life and business career of Alex P. Felter has been a diversified one, and the degree of success he has attained reflects credit upon his judgment and business ability. He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, near the small town of Montgomery, March 9, 1840. He spent his early life until he was seventeen years of age on his father's farm when he left home and located at Williamsburg, Ohio, where he began his mercantile career. After leaving Williamsburg he engaged in business at Locust Corners, where he successfully conducted a general merchandising busi-



INTERIOR NEW YORK CHEAP STORE.

ness for fifteen years. He then engaged in business in New Bana, Ohio, Cincinnati and Pana, Ill., disposing of his business in Pana in 1892 to locate in Rushville. The subject of this sketch was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Behymer, of Locust Corner, June 1st, 1864, and to this union three children were born. July 1st, 1894 his home was saddened by the death of his wife. The oldest daughter is the wife of Mr. Chas. Anthony of Hillsboro, Ill. The two younger daughters, Misses Bertha and Florilla live at home with their father. Mr. Felter is a member of the I. O. O. F. and belongs to the Methodist Church. The New York Store is opposite the post office on Second street.



RESIDENCE OF THEODORE ABERCROMBIE.

satisfactory to their patrons. In this manner they have almost entirely overcome foreign competition, and have more than held their own against all. The firm gives constant employment to from 7 to 10 people, all experienced and skilled in the business. Wm. J. Finney, one of the members of the firm, came to Rushville from Ohio, about fifteen years ago, and was first employed by the drug firm of W. J. Waite & Co., and then as engineer at the Gem mill. He became an employe of the Rushville Steam Laundry about eight years ago, and has been connected with it since, purchasing the interest of Mr. Gibbons when he retired from the firm. He has made himself thoroughly proficient in all the details of the work. John Fleehart, the other member of the firm, is one of the best known citizens of Rushville. Having been born in this county, his interests have been identified with those of Rush County people from that time to the present.

He spent the first years of his life in agricultural pursuits, then for a number of years was engaged in the lumber and mill business. Mr. Fleehart has always been recognized as a man of superior business ability and qualifications. In 1876 he was elected Treasurer of this county, which position he filled for two terms. After retiring from office he again engaged in the lumber and mill business, and so continued up to the time of purchasing an interest in the present concern in March, 1895.



DR. W. C. SMITH.

DR. W. C. Smith, one of the younger members of the medical profession in Rush County, was born February 23, 1866, at Fairview, in the adjoining county of Fayette. He received a good education in the common schools of this county. After leaving school he read medicine for two years in the office of his father, Dr. W. H. Smith, and then enrolled himself as a student in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from this institution in 1892, and immediately thereafter opened an office and began the practice of his profession in this city. He has been successful and has enjoyed a lucrative practice. He is a member of the County Medical Society, and for one year served as president of that body. For four years he was county physician, and is the present secretary of the City Board of Health. He was married April 6, 1892, to Miss Blanche Conde, and one daughter, Norma, has blessed the union. He is a member of the Union District Medical Society, Tribe of Ben Hur, I. O. O. R. and Methodist church. He is president of the Home Telephone Company.

RUSHVILLE STEAM LAUNDRY.

FOR fifteen years or more the people of Rushville have had the benefit of an up-to-date and enterprising home laundry and they have learned to appreciate the benefits of such an institution. The traveling public and those desiring work quickly and elegantly done, have learned that no institution of the kind turns out work on shorter notice or of higher quality. This fact alone has had much to do with securing and holding to the Rushville Steam Laundry, the prestige it enjoys over all competition, both domestic and foreign. For a number of years after the establishment of this laundry, it was the prevailing custom among the people of Rushville to send a very large proportion of their work to Indianapolis and Cincinnati. This firm, quickly recognizing the necessity of securing the entire home trade, adopted immediate measures to accomplish that end ;—first, by equipping their laundry with machinery and appliances the very best and most modern, thus turning out a grade of work inferior to none; second, by putting up a service in the collection and delivery of laundry superior to all others, in promptness, courtesy and care; and third, by following business methods strictly honest and entirely



RUSHVILLE STEAM LAUNDRY.

DR. W. C. SMITH.

HARGROVE & MULLIN.

CONSPICUOUS leaders in the drug business in Rushville is the firm of Hargrove & Mullin. The success of this house has been marvelous, and has in a large degree been due to the personal popularity, untiring energy and up-to-date business methods of the senior member of the firm. The business was purchased July 4, 1895, from Geo. B. Jones by Raymond C. Hargrove and A. L. Stewart; Mr. Stewart did not actively participate in the carrying on of the business, but left the management entirely to Mr. Hargrove who is a druggist and chemist, whose carefulness and experience have won for him the confidence of the people, and have brought him a trade of most satisfactory proportions. This establishment is a good type of the modern drug store, a full line of everything which is usually kept in a city pharmacy can here be found. To the prescription department, especial attention is given. Mr. Hargrove being an experienced pharmacist, and a graduate of the Medical Department of the State University of Wisconsin, this firm is in a position to guarantee that all prescriptions entrusted to them will be filled with scrupulous care and

was born Nov. 26, 1868, in Shelby County, and is the son of the late W. S. physician. In 1869, the elder Hargrove removed to Rush County and located in New Salem. subject of this sketch entered the drug store of Roosa & Ratliff as an apprentice, and for three years applied himself to mastering the details of the business. He then attended pharmaceutical college for three years, and after graduating accepted a position with W. J. Waite, with whom he continued for five years until 1895, when he went into business for himself. He is a member of the Christian Church and is also a Mason and K. of P. C. F. Mullin is one of the best known men in Rush County where he has resided for over 30 years. He was born in Ripley County, March 9, 1846, and is the son of Rev. Mark H. Mullin, deceased. At the early age of sixteen he enlisted in the army as a member of the 22d Indiana Volunteer Infantry; after four years service he was mustered out at the close of the war and located in this county. He has been engaged in clerical work of various kinds, and for six years, served this county as Auditor. He was also Deputy State Auditor under Col. E. H. Wolfe. He was married in 1867 to Miss Viola Smith and with his family which consists of two sons and two daughters, resides in what is known as the Gowdy homestead. Mr. Mullin's interests in the business are represented by his oldest son Bert, who is a practical pharmacist, and who for two years clerked for Hargrove & Stewart.

C. F. MULLIN.

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INTERIOR OF HARGROVE & MULLEN'S DRUG STORE.



F. R. MCCLANAHAN.



RESIDENCE OF F. R. MCCLANAHAN.

F. R. MCCLANAHAN.

DR. F. R. McClanahan was born on the farm of his father, George McClanahan in Jefferson County, this state, June 21, 1860. After completing his education he engaged in school teaching, and followed the vocation for a number of years. In 1884, he entered the dental office of Dr. Wm. Johnson as an assistant and continued with him for two years, after which he enrolled himself as a student in the Ohio College of Dental Surgery. He graduated in 1890, receiving a gold medal as a mark of the highest honors of his class, and for the following five years practiced his chosen profession. The succeeding year was spent in practice in Europe, and upon his return in 1895, he located in Rushville. He has an attractive suite of rooms in the rear of the Windsor hotel which are equipped with every appliance of modern dentistry. Dr. McClanahan, since coming to Rushville, has enjoyed a large practice. He was married Oct. 14, 1890, to Miss Lizzie Martin, of Rising Sun, and to this union two bright, pretty children have been born.

M. V. SPIVEY.

ON west Third street is located the grocery store of M. V. Spivey. This business came into the possession of Mr. Spivey about three years ago, when he purchased the stock of L. J. Walters. After taking possession he enlarged the stock and added many new lines of choice staple and fancy groceries, and now has one of the most complete stores of this kind in the city. He runs a free delivery and his trade extends to all parts of the city. He is a gentleman whose pleasant personality attracts to him many friends and customers. Martin V. Spivey was born, Jan. 14, 1862, and is a younger brother of Postmaster Ad. V. Spivey. The place of his birth was Fayetteville, where he continued to reside until attaining his majority, when he traveled for a number of years, finally locating in Rushville, where for 6 years he was connected with the grain business of A. G. Mauzy. He left this business to embark in his present enterprise. He was married Oct. 15, 1891, to Miss Pearl Rounds. Three children have blessed this union. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen.

GEO. W. LOONEY, Jr.

MR. Looney is one of the most successful and substantial farmers of Rush County.

He was born near the old Looney homestead in this county, Nov. 19, 1844, being the son of John S. and Eliza (Thompson) Looney. He received a common school education which has been supplemented by his

own reading and application. He has been engaged in agriculture during his entire career, but has always taken an interest in politics. He has frequently represented his township as a member of the Republican Central Committee and in 1894 was elected Trustee of Union township, a position which he still occupies. Few men discharge a public trust with more care and fidelity than Mr. Looney, and in looking after the important financial interests of his office, he has been characterized by sterling honesty and economy in the use of public funds. He was married Sept. 5, 1877, to Miss Hattie A. Jones, of Covington, Ky. She died Oct. 19, 1880, and Mr. Looney was again married, Feb. 1, 1888, to Miss Martha E. Powell, of Bentonville, Ind. Mrs. Looney is an educated and cultured woman, and one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Rush County. Mr. Looney owns a splendid farm of 230 acres, about four miles east of Rushville, where he resides. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church.



GEO. W. LOONEY, JR.

WILLIAM A. MULL.

ONE of the substantial and progressive men of Rush County is the subject of this sketch. He was born in this county June 28, 1861 and has been identified with its progress and development up to the present time. His parents are Henry C. and Elvira (Shaw) Mull both of whom are also natives of Rush County and are still living. Their farm adjoins that of their son, located in the southwest portion of Rushville Township. Wm. A. Mull received such early education as was afforded in the common schools of the County, supplemented by his own study and investigation. From the time he began to make his own way in life he successfully and exclusively followed the occupation of farming up to the period when Natural Gas was discovered in Indiana. He soon became deeply interested in the gas problem, making that a special study, and to-day there is probably no man in the gas or oil fields of the state who possesses a more thorough and practical knowledge of all the details of the business than Mr. Mull. Being naturally of a mechanical turn of mind he soon mastered all the details of mechanism that pertain to the business and put them to practical use. He was among the first men in this part of the country who began the drilling of gas wells and still continues at the business. His success in this line has been very unusual, and whoever secures his services can be assured not only of the best skill and competency, but of thoroughly honest and straight-forward treatment. Within the past five years Mr. Mull has drilled more than one-hundred wells in Rush and adjoining counties, and the work he has done for the best and most substantial of our citizens, bears ample testimony to these statements.

RESIDENCE OF WM. A. MULL.



WM. A. MULL AND FAMILY.

They have two children, Harry and Ernest, aged twelve and ten respectively. In addition to owning one of the nicest farms in Rush County, Mr. Mull is a considerable stock holder in the Central Fuel Gas Co. of Rushville and has a one-fourth interest in the Manilla Natural Gas Plant. There are few if any men in the County whose judgment as to the location of a gas well is more unerring than his. Although as stated above, he was one of the first men in the County to embark in the gas drilling business, it is safe to say that he has met with fewer failures in securing gas than any man engaged in the business in this vicinity. The accompanying illustration gives some idea to those not familiar with the subject, of how a gas well is drilled. The photograph from which this engraving was made was taken just as Mr. Mull was "shooting" one of the first wells drilled in this part of the State. During the coming season Mr. Mull will be better prepared than ever before to handle contracts for drilling as he has recently added a quantity of the latest improved machinery and appliances. Parties contemplating sinking wells should see Mr. Mull as he is ever ready to furnish estimates on all work of this character.

On September 6th, 1885, Mr. Mull was united in marriage to Miss Laura J. Fisher, daughter of Benjamin Fisher of Shelby County. Mrs. Mull is a woman of unusual energy and business ability, and has been her husband's efficient helper, constantly looking after his business interests with great fidelity when his duties have called him away; often weeks at a time.



THE ENTERPRISE COFFEE CO.



J. E. MERRILL.

WM. MERRILL.

THIS industry, while comparatively new and unknown to many of the citizens of Rush County, is one which is destined to become a great success, and should receive the support and co-operation of every one who has an interest in the welfare of the county. It should be the invariable rule with the citizens of any community, where an article of local production is brought into competition with that of some foreign concern, to give the local product the preference. This preference should be given, provided, of course, that the quality and price are equal. In the case of the Enterprise Coffee Company, there can be no doubt as to the quality of their product. They buy the best and highest grades of green coffee, direct from the importers, use the latest and most improved roaster, thereby retaining the strength and aroma of the bean; employ an experienced blender, and are in a position to defy competition to produce coffees which will give better satisfaction to those who try them, than their brands. That this is a true statement is certainly being evidenced by the fact that the demand for these goods is constantly increasing, and those

who have given them a trial are more than pleased with the result. In this connection it is interesting to note that in the preparation of these goods, this firm uses none of the adulterations so commonly used by unscrupulous roasters or blenders, to give to their products an artificial strength or flavor. The company in addition to placing a large amount of bulk coffee upon the market make a specialty of package goods. The Red Cross and Leader are the two brands which are finding most favor with housewives. Both are excellent and should be given a trial by all lovers of good coffee. This firm also conducts in connection with the coffee business, quite an extensive jobbing business in teas, spices, toilet and laundry soap, flavoring extracts, baking powder, drug staples and sundries, bluing, cologne, starch, cigars and tobaccos, and many other household necessities. This business was established in the early part of 1898, and its wonderful growth in so short a time reflects great credit upon the Merrill Bros., and especially J. E. Merrill who was the founder of the business. January 1st, of the present year, Mr. William Merrill formerly of Madison County, was admitted to partnership. The business will be considerably enlarged during the present year.



ENTERPRISE COFFEE COMPANY.

JOHNSON & SCHATTNER.



GEO. L. JOHNSON.

CHAS. F. SCHATTNER.

THE members of this firm, Geo. L. Johnson and Chas. F. Schattner are both young men, who are enterprising and progressive. In September of the past year they purchased the business of Thos. Kelly, located at the corner of Sexton and Seventh streets. Immediately after acquiring possession, the store was thoroughly overhauled and an entirely new stock placed on the shelves. The store and stock are models of cleanliness and neatness, and the fact that their expenses are very light will enable them to sell goods at prices less than that of competitors. Since taking possession, the business has more than doubled, and is still further expanding. Mr. Johnson is an experienced grocery man, having been previously engaged in the business at Connersville. Both of the partners are wood carvers, and prior to engaging in business were employed at the Innis, Pearce & Co. furniture factory. Mr. Johnson is a native of Indiana, having been born at Connersville, July 16, 1873. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Presbyterian Church. Mr. Schattner was born in this city, November 8, 1878, and has resided here continuously since. He is a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

DR. F. M. SPARKS.

DR. SPARKS was born in Knightstown, Nov. 5, 1868. When a small child his father Dr. J. B. Sparks removed to Carthage, where the subject of this sketch was raised. After receiving such education as was obtainable in the Carthage schools, he attended the Ohio College of Dental Surgery. After graduating March 11, 1891, he located and began practicing his profession in Carthage. He continued in that



RESIDENCE OF DR. F. M. SPARKS.



DR. F. M. SPARKS.

city until July 1, 1897 when he removed to Rushville where he fitted up an elegant suit of rooms over the clothing store of Frank Wilson. He was married December 25, 1893 to Miss Nora Davis, of Richmond, Ind., and the union has been blessed by the birth of a son and daughter. The doctor owns a comfortable and attractive home at the corner of Main and Eighth Streets. He is a member of the Eastern Indiana Dental Association, the Masons, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the Methodist Church.

HARRY T. CARR.

AT THE North east corner of Main and Seventh Streets is located one of the best equipped and most thoroughly stocked groceries in Rushville. Mr. Carr has been a leading business man in this city for many years and whatever he undertakes to do is always well done. He carries complete lines and highest grades of staple and fancy groceries, cigars and tobacco, fancy and plain candies, meats, bread, fruit and vegetables in season, etc., etc. Besides a strong city trade, he enjoys one



Clerk for the County for eight years under B. F. Tingley and J. W. Brown. He was then engaged in the clothing business for about six years in partnership with J. S. Lakin. He served three years as Assistant Cashier of the Rush County National Bank. He purchased his present business March 29, 1898. December 18, 1879, he was married to Miss Jennetta Marshall. Two children, Miss Edith and Harrie, have blessed the union. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church Masons and K. of P.



HARRY T. CARR.

of the best country trades of any grocer in the city. Farmers cannot do better with their produce than at Carr's.

Harry T. Carr was born in Rushville Feb. 24, 1848, was educated in the schools of the city and graduated from the Wabash Commercial Institute of Greencastle, Ind. After graduating from Commercial College he was Deputy



EDWARD M. KELLY.

"Ed." Kelly's skill and judgment have been in great demand in balancing them up and bringing them to smoothness of gait and perfect action. It is a tough customer that "Ed." can't straighten out. Our subject was born August 8, 1861, being the son of Dennis and Susan Kelly, both natives of Ireland. He received a common school education, and devoted himself early to his business. November 11, 1891, he was married to Miss Mariah C. Costello, of Covington, Ky. They have three handsome children Edmond, aged six years; Margaret, four, and Catherine, two. Mr. Kelly is a director in the Equitable Building Association, and a member of the Catholic Benevolent Legion. He and his wife are members of the Catholic Church.

COLLIER'S GROCERY.



FRANK GREGG.

the shelves, and the stock is all new, fresh and clean. Frank Gregg was born in Rushville, July 12, 1878. He received his education in the city schools, and when quite young began as a clerk in the grocery of James Kirkpatrick, making himself thoroughly useful and proficient. Under his painstaking and energetic methods, ably assisted by Mr. Rob Conover, who is always hustling for the interests of his employer, the business of Collier's Grocery has been greatly enlarged.

EDWARD M. KELLY.

ON Third street, between Main and Perkins is the blacksmithing establishment of "Ed." Kelly. Mr. Kelly began blacksmithing at the age of sixteen, and has been at it constantly up to the present time. He has been in business for himself at his present location for twelve years, and by industry, close application and honest dealing, has hammered himself into a comfortable fortune. In addition to his general business Mr. Kelly made shoeing a specialty, and particularly in the line of speed horses. Few towns in the world have had more noted trotters, pacers, and runners prepared for the track than Rushville, and



RESIDENCE OF EDWARD M. KELLY.



INTERIOR OF MRS. COLLIER'S GROCERY.

DR. D. H. DEAN.



R. D. H. DEAN is a native of Bartholomew County, this state, having been born on the farm of his father, J. L. Dean, near Columbus. Shortly after the birth of the subject of this sketch, his father retired from active participation in farming and removed to Columbus where his children could be given the advantages of the excellent schools of that city. After receiving such education as was obtainable in the public schools, Dr. Dean entered the Franklin College, at Franklin, this state, and in 1885 graduated with high honors. He had decided to devote his life to the practice of medicine, and had given much thought and research to the profession practiced by the Disciples of Esculapius. Immediately after the completion of his collegiate course he devoted considerable time and thought to the important matter of selecting the best institution in which to acquire a professional education. Although entertaining liberal views as to the different Schools of Medicine, which is still characteristic of Dr. Dean, he enrolled his name as a student in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, the best college of its kind in the country, and in 1889, graduated from this institution with high honors. After leaving college he located in Columbus, where for two years he practiced in conjunction with Dr. A. Rice, with whom he had formerly read medicine. In



DR. D. H. DEAN.



DR. DEAN'S RESIDENCE.

sick and suffering humanity. The subject of this sketch was happily married January 1st, 1894, to Miss Mary A. Irvin, one of this city's most charming and accomplished ladies, and together with his wife, resides in an attractive home, which he built for Dr. Dean has recently added to his office equipment an electrical apparatus for the treatment of nervous diseases.



J. H. DEAN, DENTIST.

J. H. Dean, D. D. S., received his general education in the city schools of Columbus, Ind. and at Hartsville College. He received his professional education in the Dental Department of The University of Indianapolis, from which institution he graduated in 1896. Besides preparatory work he has had two years of regular practice and is thoroughly up in all branches of his profession. His office is in the rear of Dr. D. H. Dean's office and is nicely equipped. Dr. J. H. Dean spends Wednesday and Thursday of each week at his Rushville office, and Friday at Milroy. No young men have been more successful than the Drs. Dean.



INTERIOR VIEW, DR. D. H. DEAN'S RESIDENCE.

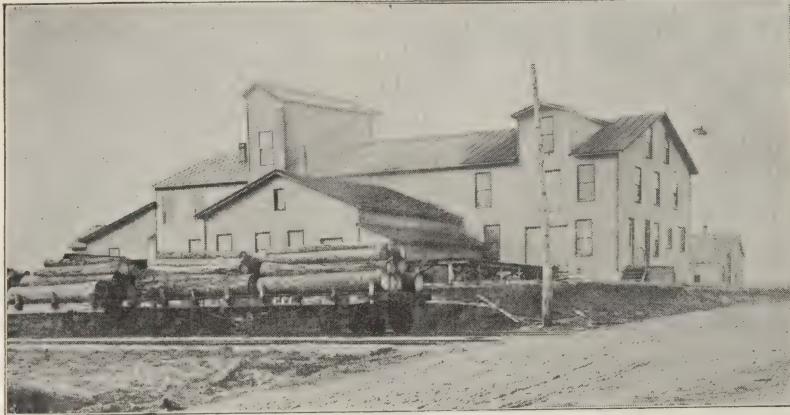
THE STERLING BUGGY CO.

THE latest acquisition to the manufacturing industries of Rushville is the Sterling Buggy Co. This institution was removed to this city from Anderson, and first began operations, January 1st, of this year. They will manufacture high and medium grade buggies, surreys, phaetons and road wagons, and have an annual capacity of about 2000 vehicles. C. E. Cowing & Bro. have secured the local agency for the concern. The home of this new industry is in the northern part the city, near the factory of Cox & Yauky. The building has been more than doubled in size, and is otherwise improved. About fifty skilled mechanics are employed by this company.

Parties living in this vicinity who contemplate purchasing any style of vehicle in the near future should not fail to see the line manufactured by this home institution. Mr. C. H.



C. H. LAMBERT AND FAMILY.



THE STERLING BUGGY WORKS.

DR. FRANK SMITH.

FEW dental offices in Indiana are more attractive or more thoroughly equipped for the practice of the profession, than that of Dr. Smith. It is located on Main street in the Behr-King Block. He is thorough and scientific in all branches of his profession, and believes in those methods of treatment, which produce the best results with the least pain. He has therefore given special attention to the use of gas in the extraction of teeth, and the late process known as "Cataphoresis," by which teeth are treated preparatory to filling and extraction, so as to produce the least possible pain. In addition to plate work and fillings, he makes a specialty of crown and bridge work, never permitting the use of anything but the very highest grades of material. He takes particular interest in the treatment and correction of all dental deformities and defects in the mouths of children. In all these matters consultation is free and solicited. Our subject



DENTAL PARLOR OF DR. SMITH.



FAMILY OF DR. SMITH.

was born Aug. 30, 1861 and educated in the common and normal schools of Hope and Danville, Indiana. After retiring from college, he was a teacher for a number of years. He then graduated from the Indiana Dental College, and later took a post-graduate course in Prosthetic dentistry. He has had about twelve years of successful practice, which is constantly increasing. Dr. Smith was married June 9, 1891, to Miss Maggie O'Connor of Bartholomew County, this state. They have two lovely children, both daughters; Lorene, aged six, and Marjory, aged five years. Dr. Smith and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias order. He also belongs to, and was at one time an officer of the Indiana Dental Association.

F. A. ABERCROMBIE.



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IN THESE days of uncertain jewelry it is a pleasure to do business with a jeweler whose word is as good as his bond. Such a man is the subject of this sketch, and his place of business on Main Street is very popular with the trading public. When a little over a year ago Mr. Abercrombie came into posession of this business, having purchased it of Jno. A. Spurrier, he fully realized that he was coming into active competition with men who had been engaged in the business here for years, but he never faltered, and has, by his business methods and fair honest dealing, forged rapidly to the front, and is now numbered among the city's most successful business men. Another thing to which may be attributed much of his success is the fact that he is an expert watch maker who thoroughly understands every detail of the work. For eight years prior to engaging in business he was employed by Mr. Spurrier, and gained a host of patrons by his skill and proficiency. An entirely new feature which has recently been added by the progressive proprietor of the business is gold, silver and nickel plating. Parties having work of this kind should consult him, as he is prepared to do the work at very low prices. A complete line of optical goods are carried and eyes are examined and tested free of charge. Small musical instruments of all description together with supplies are kept in stock, and it is safe to say that in this line Mr. Abercrombie does a more satisfactory business than any competitor in the county. Another line to which attention is given is supplies for sewing machines, and such articles as are needed for any of the standard makes can be found there. Among the attributes to Mr. Abercrombie's success, his close application to business and economical management are conspicuous. From an apprentice at a small salary he worked his way up, saved his earning and became proprietor.

After coming into possession of the business he introduced in its management the same principles which had characterized him through life with the result that he is to-day numbered among the most substantial of the city's business men. The subject of this sketch was born in Franklin County, this state, June 12, 1861, and became a citizen of Rushville in 1888.

JNO. A. SPURRIER & SON.

IN THE same store room with Mr. Abercrombie is the music store of Jno. A. Spurrier & Son. Mr. Spurrier is one of the best known men in the county. For a number of years he conducted a jewelry store here and did a thriving business. While conducting the jewelry store he added as one of his lines, musical instruments of all description. So rapidly did this branch of the business expand under his able management that he found it to his advantage to dispose of his jewelry business and devote his entire time and energy to the sale of pianos, organs and all kinds of musical instruments.

Both Mr. Spurrier and his son are expert musicians, and the fact that they take great interest in their work has much to do with their continued success. They handle the leading standard makes of both pianos and organs, and control in addition to Rush, the adjoining counties for the sale of the goods made by the firms they represent. The firm requires two wagons for the delivery of goods sold. This firm has the distinction of being the oldest and largest exclusive music house in this section of the state. John A. Spurrier, the senior member of the firm was born in Morristown, this State, February 17, 1849 and has been a resident of Rushville for the past twenty-six years. Lowell M. Spurrier was born in Fayette County, September 11, 1869; he was admitted to partnership in the business with his father in 1889. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.



INTERIOR OF F. A. ABERCROMBIE'S JEWELRY STORE, AND MUSIC STORE OF JOHN A. SPURRIER & SON.



LOWELL M. SPURRIER.

JNO. A. SPURRIER.

MAUZY & DENNING.

AMONG the mercantile enterprises of Rushville of which her citizens may justly feel proud is that of Mauzy & Denning on Second Street, directly opposite the Main entrance of the Court House. A brief review of the foundation, growth and expansion of this business will prove of more than ordinary interest. The name of Mauzy has been inseparably linked to the commercial circles of Rushville almost since the foundation of the town, and the enormous business enterprise which is the subject of this sketch is the culmination of a general merchandising business, which was started way back in the forties by A. G. and W. C. Mauzy, who were brothers. The business continued successfully under this management until in 1883 when it was transferred to George G. and Ed. H., sons of W. C. Mauzy, and Wesley G. and Chas. A., sons of A. G. Mauzy. It was then that the Mauzy Company was formed and for fourteen years continued the business, each year expanding it and keeping pace with the many evolutions and innovations which were being introduced into the business. January 1st of this year the third change was made. The death of Wesley G., retirement of Edward H., and subsequent disposition of the interests of Geo. G. to

Albert Denning, changed the firm to the present style. Scarcely had the new firm assumed the management ere changes and improvements were made which marked the progressive spirit of the proprietors. The double store room which for so many years had been the home of the business was entirely remodeled. The partition was torn away and the ground floor thrown into an enormous room 40 x 160 feet. Elegant plate glass windows, the largest in the city replaced the old ones, and the building was made modern and up-to-date in every particular. The improvements, however, did not stop with the remodeling of the building, for the firm increased their stock in every department, especially dry goods and shoes. The store is what might be known as a department store, so great is the variety and assortment of stock carried. Dry goods, dress goods, notions and fancy goods, boots and shoes, ladies' gent's and children's furnishing goods, bicycles and supplies, carpets, linoleums, oilcloths, window shades, wall paper

establishment is a new feature which has been added to the store. The millinery department conducted by Mrs. M. S. Eubanks is also connected with the store for the convenience of lady patrons. It would be almost impossible to attempt to describe in detail these various departments and a brief mention only will be made of each. That portion of the room to the East of the main entrance is devoted exclusively to dry goods; this part of the business is presided over by Mr. Mauzy, and it is safe to say that there is not in this entire section of the country, a better or more competent dry goods man. A life time spent in the business has ably fitted him for it, and among wholesale houses he enjoys the reputation of being one of the best judges of styles and fabrics and closest buyers in the state. Mr. Denning has charge of the shoe department and managed it for the old company for fourteen years prior to being admitted to partnership. By his treatment of the public he has brought the business up to its present standard. Nothing but such footwear as is manufactured by the leading factories of the country is handled, and such as the firm feels like recommending to their patrons. The cloak room is another department of which special mention should be made. The accompanying illustration gives some idea of the amount of stock carried. It is seldom that you can find in a town the size of Rushville, so complete a line of cloaks and wraps from which to make a selection. In this department ready made suits are also carried.



DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT OF MAUZY & DENNING.



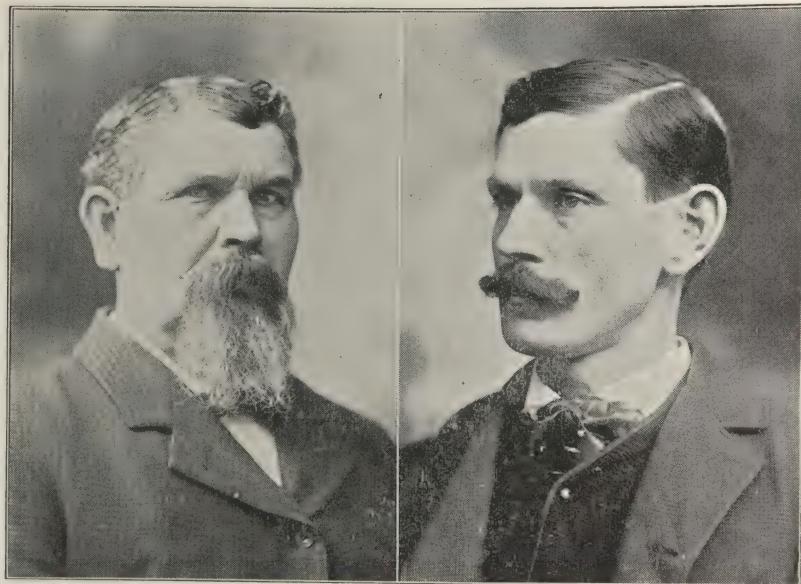
SHOE DEPARTMENT OF MAUZY & DENNING.

and interior decorations. A complete dress making and ladies' tailoring recently added. A millinery department conducted by Mrs. M. S. Eubanks is also connected with the store for the convenience of lady patrons. It would be almost impossible to attempt to describe in detail these various departments and a brief mention only will be made of each. That portion of the room to the East of the main entrance is devoted exclusively to dry goods; this part of the business is presided over by Mr. Mauzy, and it is safe to say that there is not in this entire section of the country, a better or more competent dry goods man. A life time spent in the business has ably fitted him for it, and among wholesale houses he enjoys the reputation of being one of the best judges of styles and fabrics and closest buyers in the state. Mr. Denning has charge of the shoe department and managed it for the old company for fourteen years prior to being admitted to partnership. By his treatment of the public he has brought the business up to its present standard. Nothing but such footwear as is manufactured by the leading factories of the country is handled, and such as the firm feels like recommending to their patrons. The cloak room is another department of which special mention should be made. The accompanying illustration gives some idea of the amount of stock carried. It is seldom that you can find in a town the size of Rushville, so complete a line of cloaks and wraps from which to make a selection. In this department ready made suits are also carried.



CLOAK DEPARTMENT OF MAUZY & DENNING.

WEEKS & SON.



NATHAN WEEKS.

ULYSSES WEEKS.

2nd, 1863 to Miss Martha C. Macy, his present wife. He is a member of Orders and Grand Army. Ulysses L. Weeks, the junior member of the firm is one of the successful young men of the city, and it is largely to his energy and ability that the success of the firm is due. He has been in his present line of business for fifteen years and a member of the present firm for eight years. At present he is the active man of the firm, attending to all the outside details, but particularly to the matter of purchasing the large amount of stock required by the firm.

He is a superior judge of all kinds of stock, is strictly reliable in all his transactions, and enjoys fully the confidence of the farming community and stock men in general. He is paying especial attention also to the important contract with the State for furnishing the Soldier's and Sailors' Orphan's Home with meat, and in this as well as all matters pertaining to his business, is developing a degree of executive force and ability which is an assurance of the most satisfactory results. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Ancient Order of United Workmen and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

THE establishment of Weeks & Son is simply an ideal meat market. This firm enjoys a splendid local business, and in addition to this furnish all the meat consumed by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan's Home. This contract alone requires about three thousand pounds of meat per week. The management of this institution express themselves as highly pleased with the superior service rendered by this firm. Nathan Weeks in addition to a long experience and a superior talent for his present business, is an all-round man of affairs. He was born in Henry County, Indiana, March 19, 1841, and up to the time he located in Rush County was engaged principally in the harness, saddle and buggy business. He served in the 36th Indiana Regiment during the Civil War. After the war he located in Rush County, first at Carthage and afterward in 1877 at Rushville. He soon took an interest in political matters and in 1884 made a vigorous canvas for Sheriff, but was beaten in the Republican convention for the nomination by three votes. Two years later he was nominated and elected to the office of County Treasurer, to which office he was re-elected for the second term. Mr. Weeks was married Oct.

of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and Royal Arcanum



BUTCHER SHOP OF WEEKS & SON.

ALGER & GRAY.

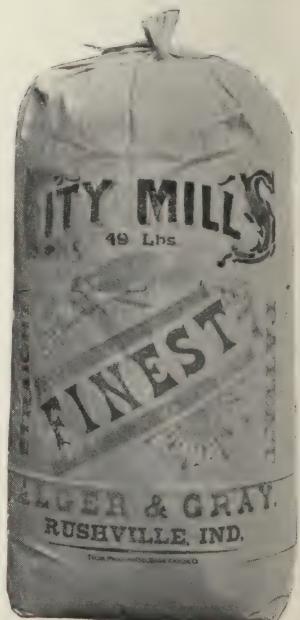
THERE is no industry in the country which is more important than the manufacture of flour. Good flour is a staple for

which there is always a lively demand. Rush County is well supplied with mills but the one which is the most popular with the people is the City Mills of Alger & Gray. This firm manufactures a grade of flour which seems to just suit the wants of the people, and the demand for it is such that they are kept busy filling their orders. Their leading brand has for

the present year a change was made in the name and the same flour is now manufactured under the name of the "Finest". They also manufacture the "Eureka" which is a high grade patent, and it is no exaggeration to say that there is more of these two brands consumed in Rush County than all others combined. Messrs. Alger and Gray are both well known and popular. Mr. Alger was born and raised in this County, and for a number of years prior to coming to Rushville, conducted a mill at Glenwood. Mr. Gray is a native of the adjoining County of Fayette, and has been a resident of Rush County for the past fifteen years. Messrs. Alger & Gray became proprietors of the City Mills in the year of 1895.



CITY FLOUR MILL OF ALGER & GRAY.



JOHN H. FRAZEE.



J. H. FRAZEE.

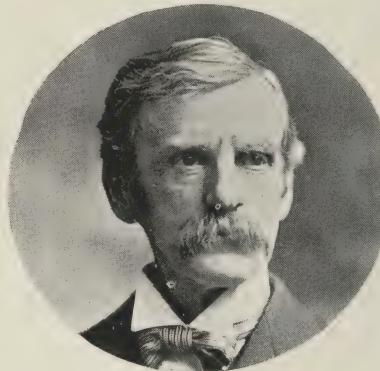
MR. FRAZEE was elected Commissioner from the Middle District at the last general election and took his seat December 5, 1898. He is a graduate of the Rushville High School and has devoted most of his life to agriculture. He is the eldest son of the late Benjamin and Ruth (Thompson) Frazee, having been born at the Frazee homestead July 22, 1857. Prior to his removal to Rushville, which occurred in the fall of 1896, he served Noble Township for two years in the capacity of Township Trustee. February 15, 1882 he was married to Miss Anna M. Smith, daughter of Dr. W. H. Smith of Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Frazee have two bright and handsome children; Walter, aged fifteen and Florence, aged ten. They reside in nice residence property on North Harrison Street, in addition to which Mr. Frazee owns 700 acres of the finest land in Rush County. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church and he is a member of the Order of Red Men.



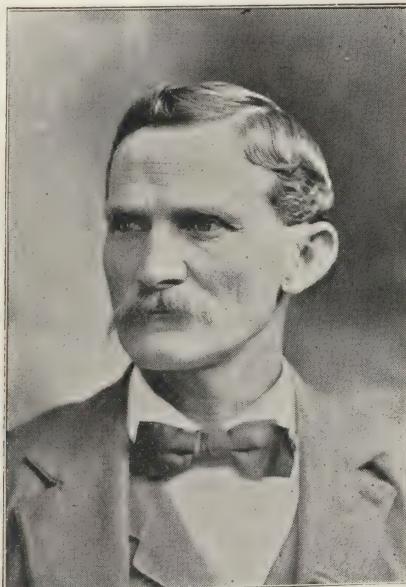
MRS. J. H. FRAZEE.

GEO. H. HAVENS.

GEORGE H. HAVENS, the present treasurer of Rush County, was elected to this office at the last general election in November, and was installed January 1st of this year. Mr. Havens is one of the best known men in the county, having taken an active part in business and political affairs here for the last thirty-four years. He was born at Arlington, June 20, 1841. He received his education in the county schools, and after attaining his majority he accepted a clerkship in this city, but in a short time engaged in the grocery business for himself. He continued in this business successfully until 1880, when he disposed of the business and engaged in the agricultural business.



He continued in this line until he was elected to his present office. Mr. Havens has always been a staunch and hard working republican, but with the exception of one term as trustee of Rushville Township he has never had political preferment. Mr. Havens was married January 3rd, 1866, to Miss Louisa S. Sexton, of this city, and to this union four children have been born, Myrtle, Horatio, Walter, and Kitti Clover, all grown. He resides on North Main street, in an attractive home of his own. He is a member of the Improved Order of Redmen, and the Methodist church. Mr. Havens is ably assisted in the discharge of his official duties by Alvin Moore.



W. S. THOMPSON.

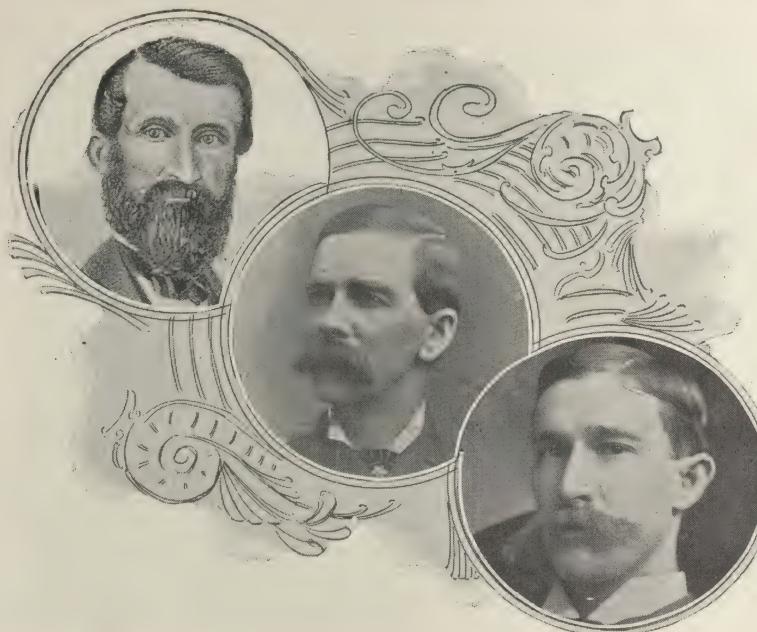
WINFIELD S. THOMPSON.

THE subject of this sketch was elected Commissioner from the Southern District at the last general election, taking his office December 5, 1898. He was assessor of Orange Township two years just prior to his election as County Commissioner. His life has been devoted largely to agriculture, beginning at the age of twenty to make his own way in the world. He was born January 4, 1852 in Orange Township where he has always resided, being the fifth in a family of eight. His parents were Thomas and Hannah Thompson, and he is a nephew of Alf. Thompson of Orange, one of Rush County's most noted citizens. He was married August 23rd, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth Headley, of Shelby County. Mrs. Thompson is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Orange Township. They have two children, Irvin and Jessie, aged 21 and 16 respectively. They reside at the Thompson homestead,



MRS. W. S. THOMPSON.

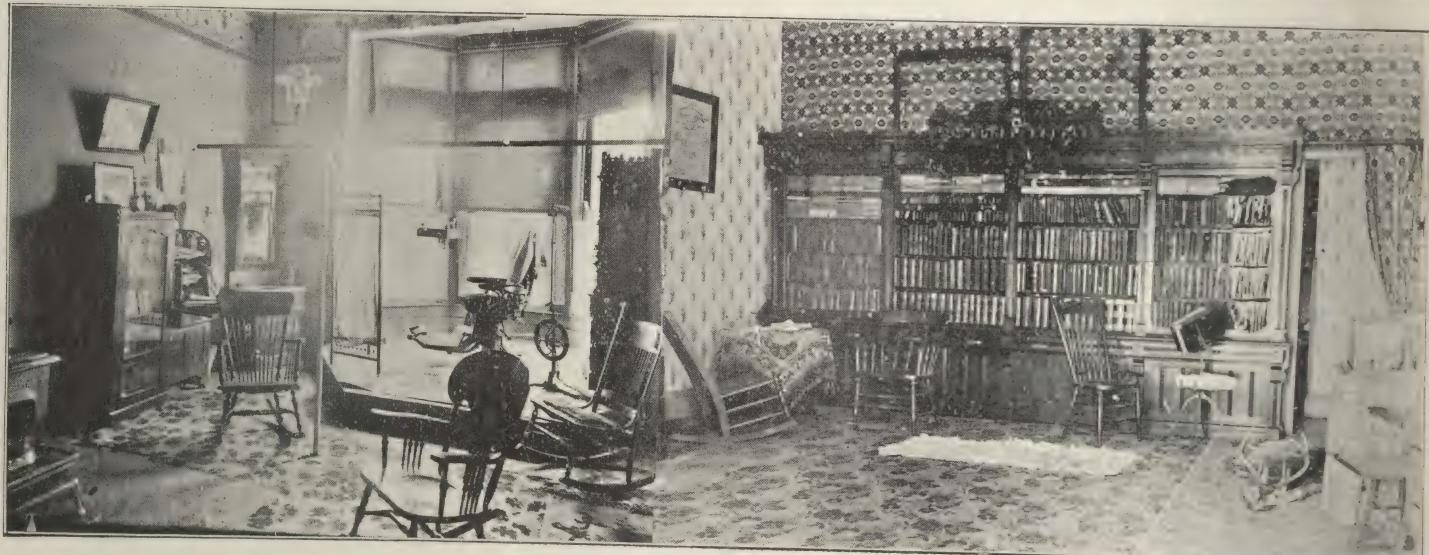
being the same farm upon which Mr. Thompson was born. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the M. E. Church.

A. C. DILLON. (*Deceased.*)

J. C. DILLON.

O. P. DILLON.

DR. OTTO P. DILLON has established a new office, corner of Morgan and First streets—rear of Windsor Hotel. There are very few offices in the state as thoroughly equipped with all the modern appliances known to the medical profession, as his. Dr. Dillon is a close reader and keeps well up to date in all branches of his profession. His library embraces probably a thousand volumes, including all the standard and late works in general lines, as well as those bearing upon his specialties. In addition to his general practice, he gives special attention to chronic and nervous diseases and diseases of the nose and throat. That Dr. Dillon should be a most successful practitioner is but natural and logical, as he comes from a family of physicians. His grandfather, A. C. Dillon, was among the pioneer practitioners of Rush County, and followed his profession for a period of thirty-five years. His father, J. C. Dillon, has been practicing his profession at the Dillon homestead, almost thirty years. Dr. O. P. Dillon began his medical education very early under these instructors and grew into his profession, as it were, "to the manor born." He took a thorough collegiate course, however, acquiring a classical and general education by four years study at Notre Dame College, and three years at Butler University, then graduated from the Ohio Medical College. He has now had ten years



of experience in the practice of medicine in Rush County, and stands in the front rank of his profession, enjoying an extensive and lucrative practice.

Dr. Otto P. Dillon was born April 1st, 1869, and is the only son of Dr. J. C. and Mary J. (Florea) Dillon, he is a native of Rush County, having been born and reared on the old Dillon homestead in Centre Township. There is no physician in this section of the country who has made a more thorough study of the various specialties of the medical profession, nor is there any better prepared to treat them. He has an equipment of instruments which cannot be excelled. In addition to Dr. Dillon's handsome residence which is shown in the accompanying illustration, he has a summer villa at Torch Lake Michigan, where he each summer spends a few weeks in recreation. Besides a large and lucrative practice in Rushville Dr. Dillon enjoys one of the largest country practices in the county. Dr. Dillon has made arrangements to open an office on Fifth, between Main and Morgan Streets.



RESIDENCE OF DR. O. P. DILLON.

C. F. FELTON.



C. F. FELTON.

lines are queensware, glassware, china-ware, lamps, books and stationery, school books and supplies, etc. He is ably assisted in the store by Mr. Harry Lakin and Miss Laura Trussler. Mr. Felton is admitted to be one of the best business men in Rushville, and is very popular. He was born Feb. 17, 1852, in Kingston, N. Y. After coming West he followed the vocation of book-keeping and kept books for the Palace Dry Goods Co. of Crawfordsville for eleven years. Mr. Felton was married in 1876 to Miss Harriet M. Case, of Sturges, Michigan, and together with his wife he resides in a neat home of his own on Fourth Street. Mr. Felton is president of the Prudential Building Association, and belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the I. O. O. R. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.



INTERIOR OF C. F. FELTON'S NINETY CENT STORE.

JOHN E. GANTNER.



JOHN E. GANTNER.

LOCATED in the room next to the post office is the plumbing establishment of John E. Gantner. Mr. Gantner is a thorough and practical plumber, gas and steam fitter, and during the summer months, conducts a bicycle repair shop. Since moving into his new quarters he has enlarged his business and added a considerable amount of stock. He is prepared to estimate on plumbing or gas fitting work in any part of the county, and the reputation which he has gained for superior workmanship is a guarantee that any work entrusted to him will be executed in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Gantner has worked at the trade for a number of years, and first started in business in 1895 in the rear of the Guffin building on Morgan street, but as his business expanded he found it necessary to secure more commodious quarters. Mr. Gantner was born in Rush County, August 9, 1873, and is a son of Nicholas Gantner. In addition to doing bicycle repair work, he carries a full line of supplies. Mr. Gantner is among the most enterprising of the young business men of Rushville. He is a member of the K. of P., I. O. R. M., Ben Hur, D. of P., and K. and L. of S.

HENRY A. KRUSE.

HENRY A. KRUSE, who for a number of years has been recognized as one of the best cigar makers in Rush County, is the proprietor of Factory No. 87, which business was started during the past year. Mr. Kruse is a straight-forward, honorable and reliable gentleman, and he is putting on the market, cigars which are not excelled anywhere. His two leaders are "Hernie's Five" and "Latonia." The citizens of this vicinity who are addicted to the smoking habit, should give these cigars a trial. He also manufactures the Century Winner and Blue Bells, both of which are excellent cigars. Mr. Kruse is a member of the Cigar Makers International Union and is president of the local branch. Mr. Kruse learned the trade of cigar making and since coming to this country has worked in New York, Chicago and other large cities. He was married in Chicago in 1885 to Miss Sheve, and is the father of three children.



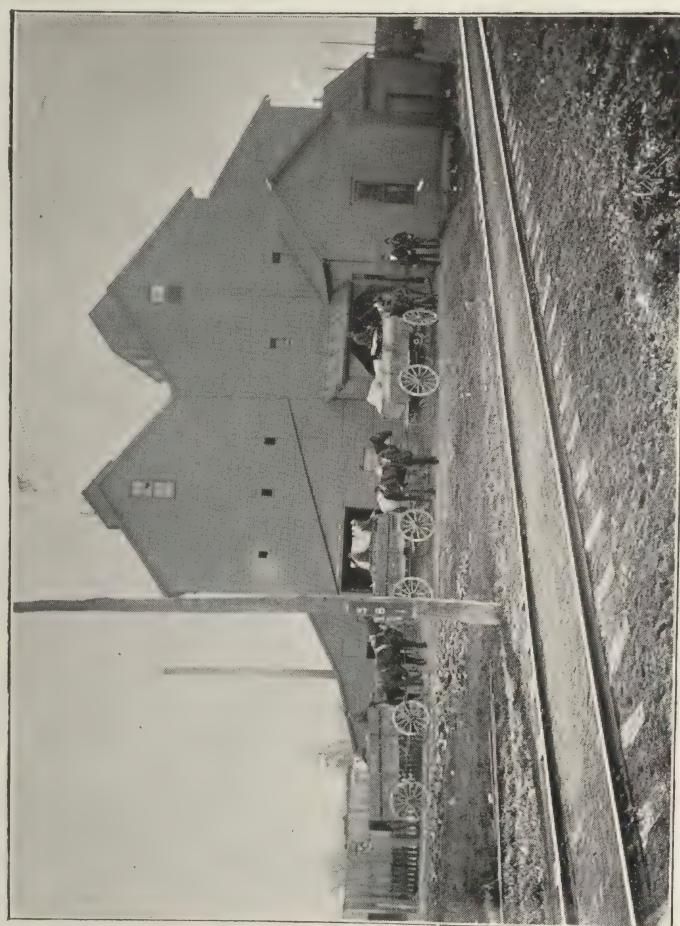
HENRY A. KRUSE.



E. W. BALL.

BALL & BALL.

PROMINENT among the grain men of the County is the firm of Ball & Ball. Their elevator is located on West Second Street at the junction of all the railroads. This firm has forged rapidly to the front, and the volume of business which they have done within the past three years will compare favorably with that of any elevator in this section of the country. Their elevator has a capacity of over 100,000 bushels. In addition to the buying and shipping of grain and seeds the firm deals extensively in all kinds of mill feed and do a general grain storage business. The firm was originally organized as J. H. Ball & Co., January 1, 1896, the



J. H. BALL.

members being J. H. and E. W. Ball, but the style of the firm name was changed the first of the present year to Ball & Ball, although no change was made in the personnel. The members of the firm are cousins and both are well known.

J. H. Ball was born on the farm of his father, Demos Ball, in Jackson Township, November 29, 1858. His education was



J. H. BALL.

obtained in the County Schools, and after attaining his majority, engaged in farming. In 1891 he located at Carthage and engaged in the grain and seed business. He continued in business three years and conducted an elevator one year at Sexton, after which he removed to Rushville. October 30, 1890, Mr. Ball was united in marriage to Miss Carrie M. Overman, of

ELEVATOR OF BALL & BALL.



RESIDENCE OF E. W. BALL.

Carthage, and to this union four sons have been born. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the I. O. O. F., K. of P., and Macabees and the Methodist Church. He is the owner of a productive farm in Jackson Township. E. W. Ball is a son of Wm. Ball, brother of Demos Ball. He was born in New Palestine, Hancock County March 15, 1856, but when a small child his parents located in Rush County, near Arlington. When our subject was 21 years of age he engaged in the grain business and has been in it continuously since. For a number of years he has been connected with elevators of this city and Toledo. Mr. Ball was married in 1877 to Miss Henrietta B. Fraze of this city, and to this union two children, a son and daughter were born. In 1883 his wife died, and a year later he was married to Miss Belle Weaver, of Newport, Ky. He is a member of Masons, K. of P., Red Men, Macabees and Methodist Church.



RESIDENCE OF J. H. BALL.

THE CASH BARGAIN STORE.

ONE of the latest store to open its doors to the public is known as the Cash Bargain Store, and while it has been started but a short time, it has already become a prime favorite with the people. Just what this store is and what are its purposes is rather fully explained in its name. The fact that it is constantly filled with customers is proof positive that they are getting good value for their money. Everything imaginable is kept in stock; heavy dry goods, novelties, notions, gent's furnishings, hardware, tinware, queensware, toys, stationery, shoes, hats, caps, and other useful and ornamental articles too numerous to mention. The proprietor of the store is Mr. J. W. Hogsett, a clever and sociable gentleman who recently came to this place from

Scott Co., Ky., where he has spent eleven years engaged in similar business. This store is rapidly becoming very popular with the people as

the bargains it offers become heralded about. Mr. Hogsett buys all his goods from the Eastern markets, and by purchasing in large quantities and paying cash for them he is enabled to sell them at a very close profit. He has moved his family to this city and is assisted in the store by his wife and son. He is much impressed with Rushville and Rush County and proposes to make this city his future



INTERIOR CASH BARGAIN STORE.

home. He fully deserves the confidence and patronage which the people have extended to him. J. W. Hogsett was born in Boone County, Kentucky, October 19, 1850, where his early life was spent. November 17, 1874, he was married to Miss Mary C. Man, and they have a family of eight children living. They are Floyd, Jenette, Alicia, Nannie, John, James, Mattie, and Geo. Yates.

FRANK M. WILSON.

AMONG the successful business men of Rushville, is Frank M. Wilson. From a clerk at a small salary at the age of fourteen, he has built himself up until he is to-day one of the most substantial business men of this county. This success is a tribute to the personal popularity of Mr. Wilson, and a strong endorsement of his methods of doing business. His store at the north west corner of Main and Second streets is popular with the trading public, and his sales have greatly increased each year since he has been in business. He carries a complete stock of men's, boys' and children's clothing and furnishing goods, hats and caps, trunks and valises, and does quite an extensive merchant tailoring business. Mr. Wilson has always practiced the policy of giving the best quality for the least money, and to his strict adherence to this policy may be attributed much of his success. He is a close buyer, pays cash for what he gets, thus taking advantage of all discounts, conducts his store at the lowest possible minimum of expense, and is enabled to give his customer the benefit of what he has thus saved. The public realizing the feasibility of this policy, have accorded him a liberal share of their patronage.

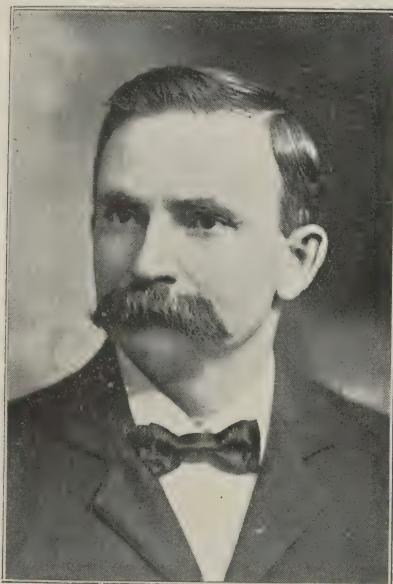
Frank M. Wilson was born November 19, 1858, on the farm of his father, Wm. Wilson, two miles south of Rushville. After obtaining a common school education, he, in 1875, entered the clothing store of Rosenthal, Krouse & Co., as a clerk. After serving in this capacity for three years and clerking for one year in the store of Lakin & Carr, he formed a partnership with George Bliss, and under the firm name of Bliss & Wilson conducted a clothing store in the Odd Fellows' Block for eight years. In 1891, he disposed of his interest in the business to Mr. Bliss, and opened a store in the room two doors north of his present place of business. In July, 1894, he moved into his present quarters. He is ably assisted in the store by Lincoln Guffin, J. G. Foley and Marion Banta. The subject of this sketch was married November 5th, 1885, to Miss Luna V. Foley, of Cincinnati, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Alleen. Mr. Wilson and his family reside in one of the handsomest homes in the city, which he built for his own occupancy three years ago. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Commercial Club, and an officer and director of the Equitable Loan Association. He is also a member of the Social Club.



J. W. HOGSETT.



RESIDENCE OF FRANK M. WILSON.



W. M. BROWN.

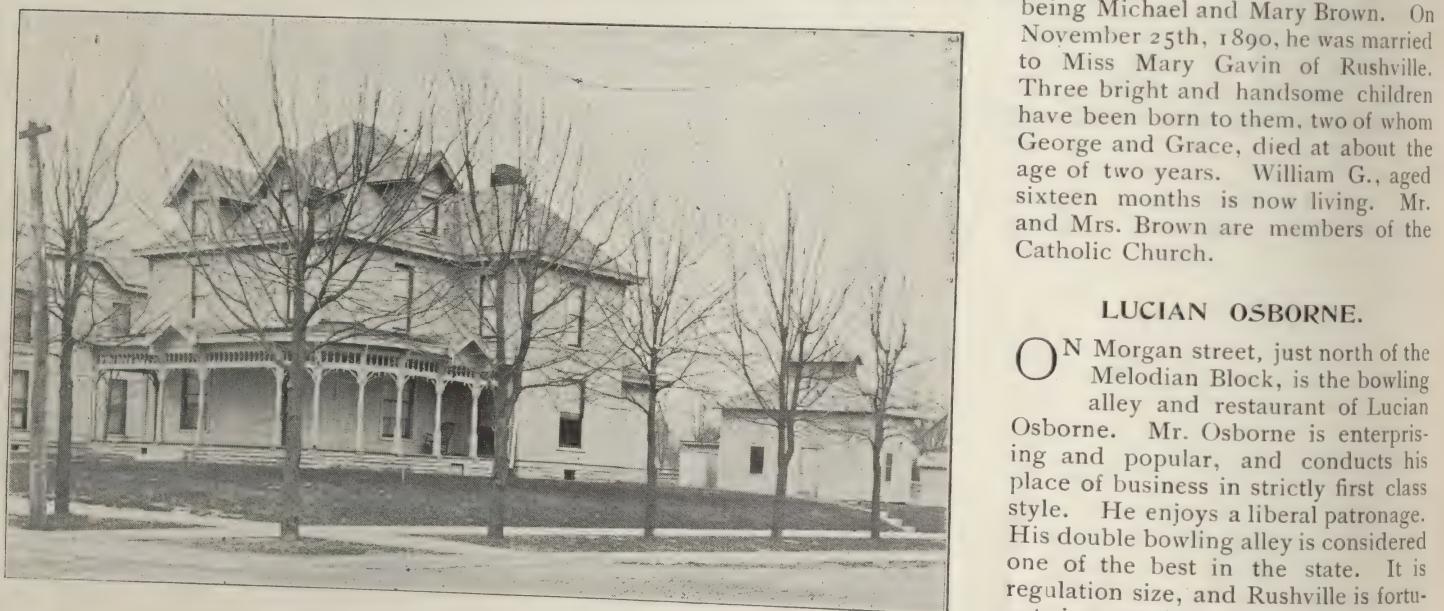
owns and resides in a nice residence property No. 325 First Street. He was born in Rush County June 1st, 1859, his parents being Michael and Mary Brown. On November 25th, 1890, he was married to Miss Mary Gavin of Rushville. Three bright and handsome children have been born to them, two of whom George and Grace, died at about the age of two years. William G., aged sixteen months is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Catholic Church.

W. M. BROWN.

AT NUMBER 114 East First Street, opposite the Court House, is located the blacksmith shop of W. M. Brown. Mr. Brown has been in this location for many years and has built up a business and a reputation of which he may well be proud. He enjoys a patronage which is probably second to none in Rush County in his particular line, and which is increasing year by year as his skill and workmanship become better known. He makes a specialty of shoeing and is recognized as one of the very best in this part of the state. He gets his full share of this class of work from the patrons of the turf. Mr. Brown has



RESIDENCE OF W. M. BROWN.



RESIDENCE OF JAMES FELTS.

J. H. PEARSEY.

SITUATED at the corner of Second and Harrison Streets is the grocery store of J. H. Pearsey. This business was established a little more than four years ago by the present proprietor and it has constantly expanded since that time. A full line of groceries of all kinds is carried, and everything kept on the shelves is new, fresh and clean. The proprietor of this business, J. H. Pearsey is a native of Rush County, having been born in this township December 14, 1829. His father was among the pioneer settlers, and the subject of this sketch followed farming until four years ago when he embarked in his present business. He was married September 10, 1856, to Miss Elizabeth Cassidy of Rush County. To this union four children were born, three of whom are living, one son and two daughters. He is a member of the Christian Church. The accompanying illustration shows the grocery and residence of J. H. Pearsey.

LUCIAN OSBORNE.

ON Morgan street, just north of the Melodian Block, is the bowling alley and restaurant of Lucian Osborne. Mr. Osborne is enterprising and popular, and conducts his place of business in strictly first class style. He enjoys a liberal patronage. His double bowling alley is considered one of the best in the state. It is regulation size, and Rushville is fortunate in possessing such a place.





A. L. RIGGS



RESIDENCE OF A. L. RIGGS.

HAVENS & RIGGS.

FROM a comparatively small beginning Havens & Riggs have built themselves up until they are now recognized as the largest and most substantial firm of hardware dealers in Rushville. During the past ten years they have given special attention to the handling of agricultural implements of all descriptions and have supplied the farmers of this community with the best and newest inventions and most useful labor-saving farm machinery. Their leaders in this department are the John Deere corn planters, Osborne reapers, binders and mowers, Ohio cultivators, Rude Brothers wheat and corn drills, the Reeves clover hullers, the Studebaker wagons, manufactured at South Bend, the Oliver chilled and steel plows, and all other implements for which there is a demand. Besides the goods above enumerated, a complete line of farm and garden tools, builders' and shelf hardware, guns and ammunition, table cutlery, pocket knives, shears, scissors, razors, butchers' knives and cleavers, saws of all kinds, and a thousand and one other articles of daily use. Their line of stoves is complete and exhaustive. This business was originally established in 1872, by John B. Kennedy, who in 1888, sold it to Wm. E. Havens and A. L. Riggs, at which time the present partnership was formed. As citizens, Messrs. Havens & Riggs possess the esteem and respect of their fellow townsmen in the fullest degree. They are largely interested in various enterprises in the city, and both are directors in the People's Gas Company and the Rushville Building & Loan Association. They also own a 160-acre farm within a mile and a half of the city, which is considered one of the finest in the county. William E. Havens was born in this city June 20, 1854, and received his early education in the public schools. After attaining his majority he clerked for a number of years for the dry goods firm of Havens & Bodine, and later for the Mauzy Co. He was admitted to partnership in the lumber business with his father, Wm. H. Havens, under the firm name of Havens & Son. He continued in this business until 1888, when he disposed of his interest and formed the present partnership. In 1883, he served as the first treasurer of this city. December 8, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Merrill of Connersville. Mr. Havens is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Improved Order of Redmen, the Commercial Club, and the Rushville Social Club. A. L. Riggs, the junior member of the firm, was born at Wabash, Ind., October 15, 1855. His mother removed to this city and he was raised here. For sixteen years prior to purchasing the business, he clerked for the former proprietor, John B. Kennedy. June 7, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Luretta Havens, sister of his partner. This union has been blessed with one child, a daughter. Mr. Riggs lives in a handsome home of his own on Perkins Street. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Social and Commercial Clubs.



RESIDENCE OF WM. E. HAVENS.



WILLIAM E. HAVENS.

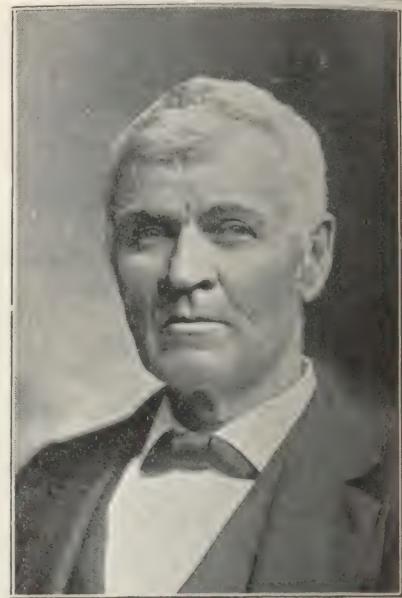


J. E. HINCHMAN.

HINCHMAN & HINCHMAN.

IN an unpretentious building on First street, between Main and Morgan streets, is conducted an implement business which is second to none in the county. While the firm do not carry in stock a large line of goods, they have the county agency for a number of the most popular makes of farm necessities, and each year do an enormous business. Their leaders are the Champion binders and mowers, and their worth is attested by their enormous sales. They also handle wheat threshers, Birdsell clover hullers, drills, cultivators, plows, harrows; and the Eli hay press. They keep in stock a full line of repairs for all machinery which they sell. Popular brands of fertilizers and high-grade buggies and farm wagons are also handled. In addition to the above mentioned articles this firm has recently secured the local agency for what is claimed to be the best woven wire fence on the market. This business was established in 1894, by Jas. E. Hinchman. One year later, Jas. H.

Hinchman was admitted to partnership. Jas. E. Hinchman was born October 12, 1856, in Rush County. He was raised on the farm of his father in Jackson township, and after attaining his majority farmed until 1892, when he accepted a foremanship in the factory of M. S. Huey, at Indianapolis. Three years later he resigned to engage in his present business. April 5, 1877, he was married to Miss Fannie Smelser, of this county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and I. O. R. M. Jas. H. Hinchman was born in Union township, this county, July 4, 1832, where he was raised. He has successfully farmed in that locality for the past 38 years. In 1861 he was married to Miss Anna Sexton, and is the father of three sons, all grown.



J. H. HINCHMAN.

FRED. CLEVENER.

TWO doors east of the post office on Second street, is the place of business of Fred. Clevenger. Mr. Clevenger is well known to the citizens of Rush County, as he has been engaged in the saloon business on Second street for the past nine years. He has always made it a point to keep the best quality of wines and liquors, and has at all times enjoyed a liberal patronage. One thing commendable in Mr. Clevenger, is that in his cigar case can be found only those brands of cigars which are manufactured in Rushville. He is ably assisted by Frank Risk and Mike Oakerson, both of whom are very popular. Fred. Clevenger was born in Ripley County, this state, January 1, 1865. In 1870 he came with his parents to this city, and he has resided here continuously since. He was married March 9, 1890, to Miss Annie Risk, of Ripley County. He resides with his family on Carrogodo street.

DELANEY BRADFORD.

On the east side of Main street, one-half square north of the Court House is situated what is familiarly known as the "Peoples' Restaurant," the proprietor of which is the subject of this sketch. This establishment is open from five o'clock a. m. till midnight,

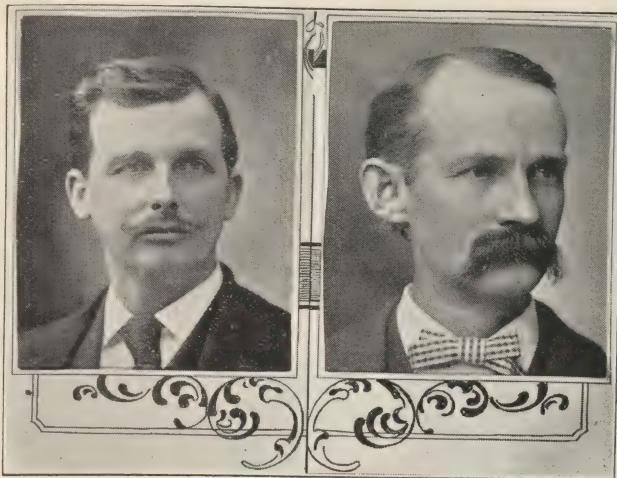
and furnishes the most inviting lunches. There is no variety of meat, game or fish, which cannot always be had in season, at the "Peoples' Restaurant." Regular board is \$3.00 per week. This establishment also carries a first class line of cigars and tobacco. Delaney Bradford has the reputation of being one of the finest cooks that ever came to Rushville, having had twenty-five years of experience, during which time he practiced his art in some of the largest city hotels and cafés in the country. For a number of years he was head cook at the Windsor Hotel. He is assisted by J. W. Ramey, a polite gentleman and fine caterer. Delaney Bradford came to Rushville in 1880, and was married Dec. 11, 1882, to Miss Louisa Williams. They have two children, Clara and Eddie. Mr. Bradford is a member of the I. O. O. F.



INTERIOR OF DELANEY BRADFORD'S RESTAURANT.



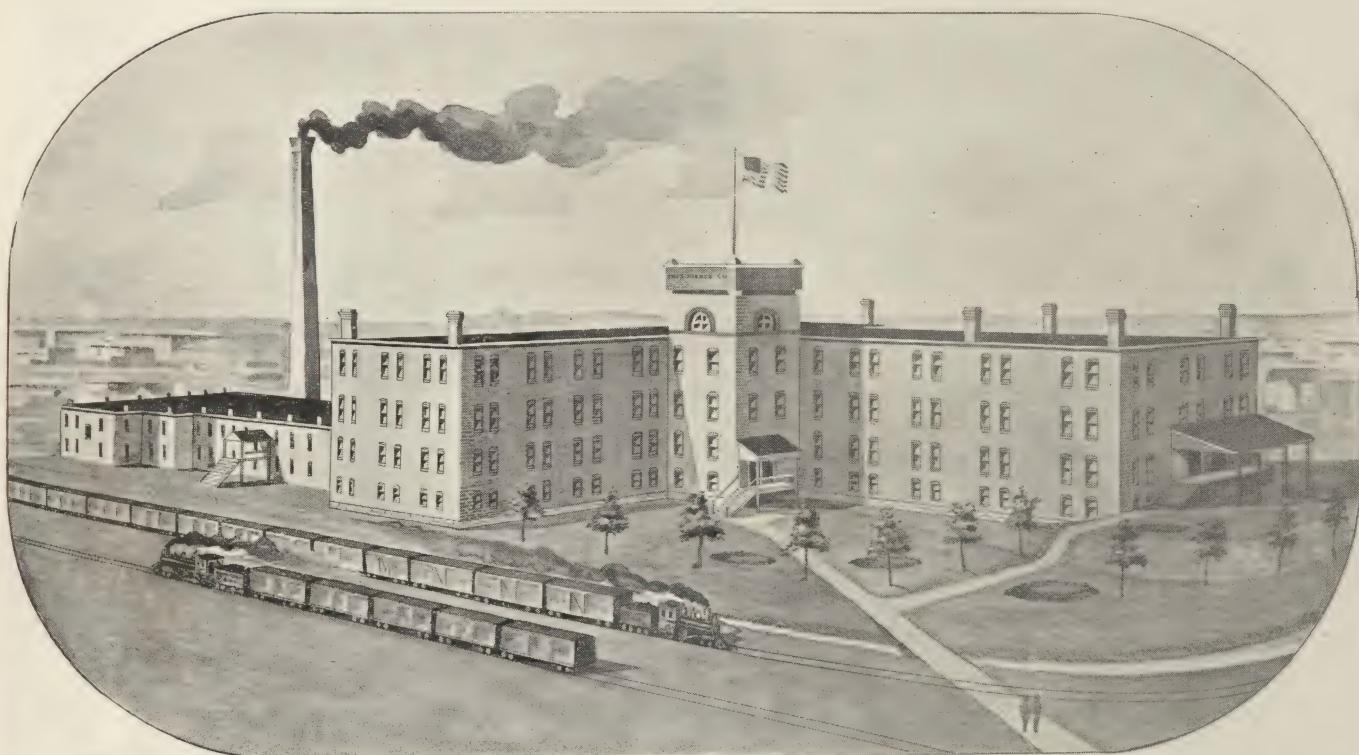
FRED. CLEVENER.



W. M. PEARCE.

R. A. INNIS.

THE one industry of which Rushville people are especially proud is the manufacturing concern of Innis, Pearce & Company. This pride is but natural, for the industry is in every sense of the word, a product of this city, and the citizens have seen it grow from a small concern employing but a few men, until it is now recognized as one of the largest and most complete of its kind in the country. The firm of Innis, Pearce & Co., is not an incorporated stock company, but a partnership, the members of which are William W. Innis, Walter M. Pearce, R. A. Innis, David Graham and Paul Kerr. But the two members of the firm who deserve special commendation for its success are Messrs. Walter M. Pearce and R. A. Innis, who have active charge of the business, and it is owing to the efforts which they have put forth, that it has expanded to its present proportions. The concern was organized in 1884, and began at that time operating a planing mill. Later the business of manufacturing furniture was added as an adjunct to the planing mill business, but as the reputation of the firm for high-class work became established, the demand for their goods was so great that it absorbed the entire time and attention of the members of the firm, and it was then that they abandoned the planing mill and devoted their entire attention to the building up of their furniture trade. From the date of its inception to the present time, it has made a record as one of

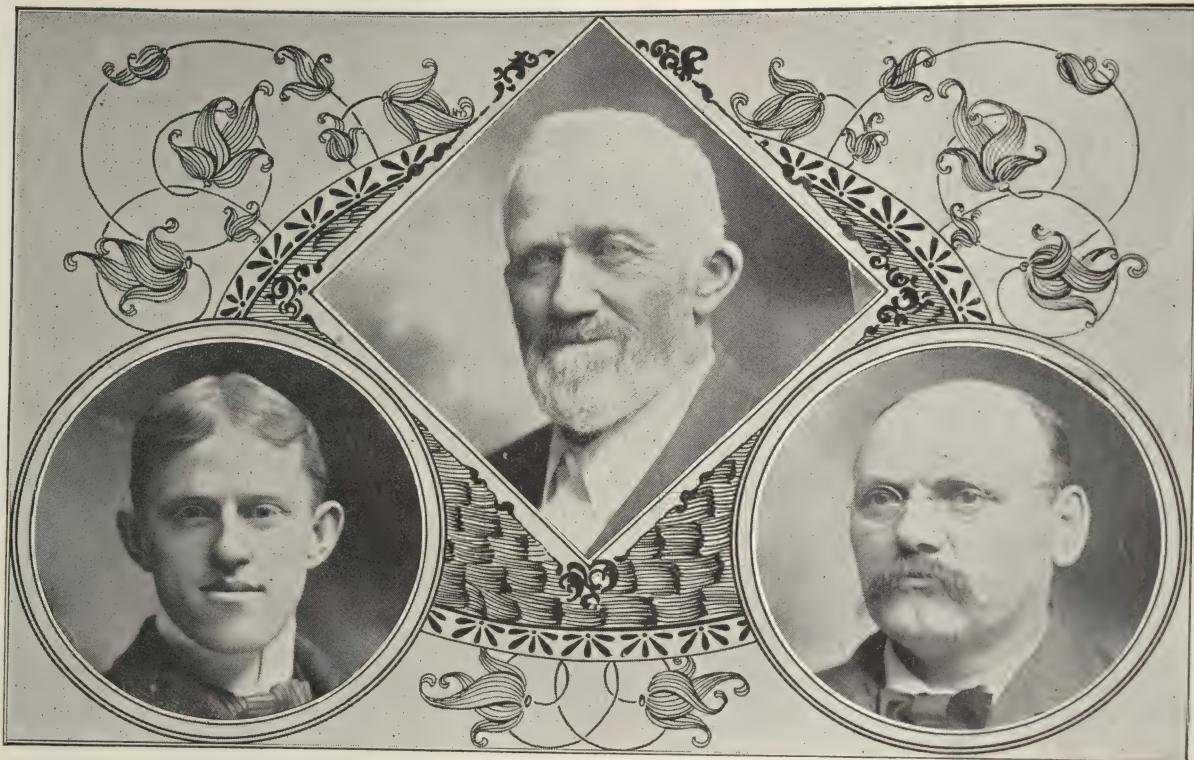


INNIS, PEARCE & COMPANY'S FURNITURE FACTORY.

the most successful manufacturing institutions of the country, and its success has been continuous and uninterrupted, save in 1892 when the plant was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt in the summer of '93. The firm manufactures chamber suites of every description, ranging in price from \$15 to \$100. They are manufactured from elm, quartered oak, mahogany, bird's-eye maple, shell maple, Hungarian ash, and various other woods; and it is safe to say that there are few, if any, similar concerns in the country manufacturing a greater variety, or more up-to-date furniture of this character. They find a market for their goods in all parts of the United States, and so popular have their products become that they are constantly kept busy filling orders. Traveling salesmen are employed in nearly every part of the Union, and the capacity of the concern is about fifty complete bed-room suites per day. The firm is at the present time giving employment to about 120 men. The home of this industry is a four-story brick building 416x155 feet, and is a model of neatness and convenience. The entire arrangement and equipment of the plant, and in fact the designs of the building were the work of Mr. Pearce. The firm ships goods over the four lines entering the city, and has tracks running to each. The volume of their business has greatly increased of late.



INNIS, PEARCE & COMPANY'S OFFICE.



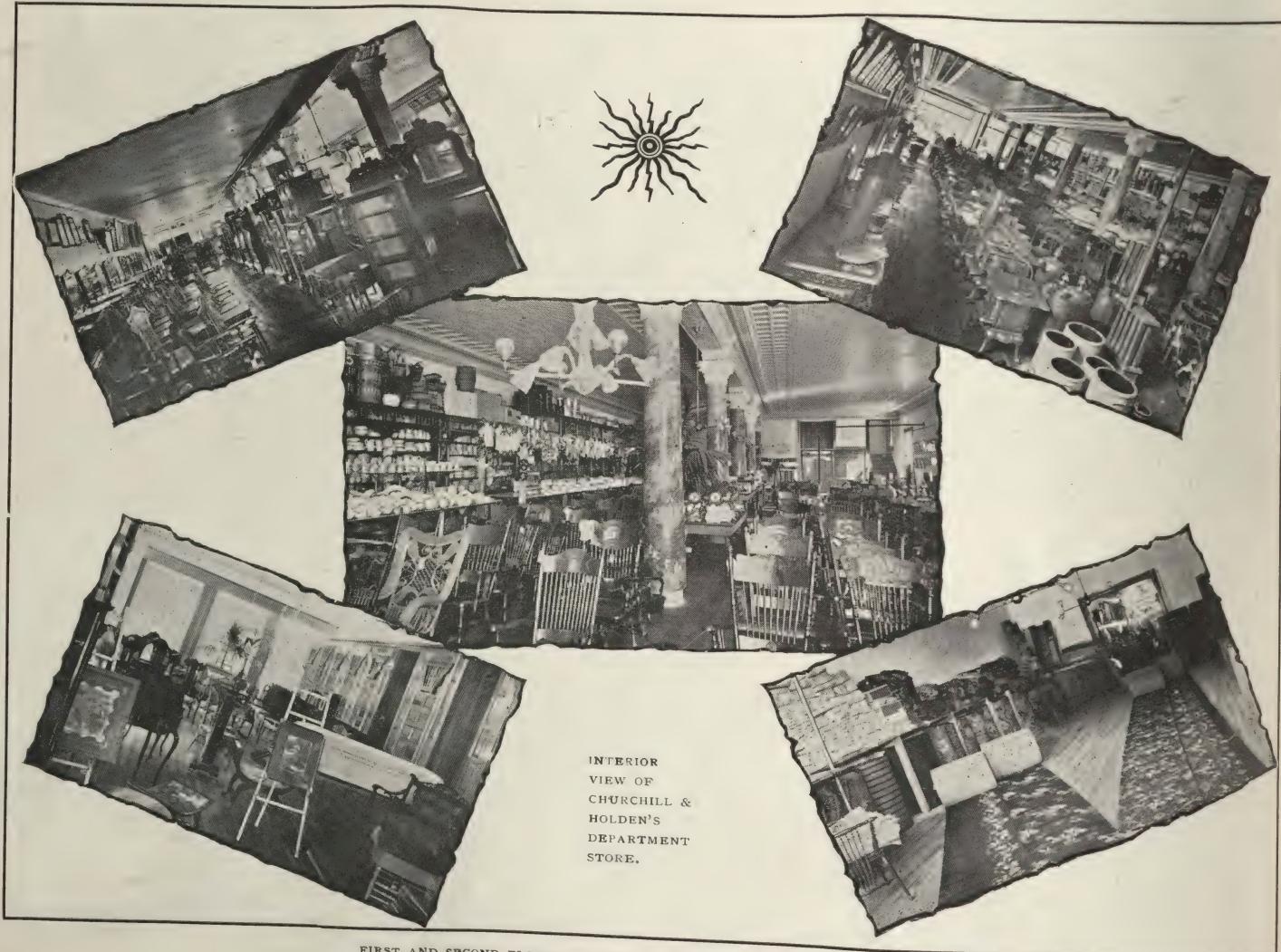
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The Three Enterprising Proprietors of Rushville's Largest Store.



INTERIOR
VIEW OF
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DEPARTMENT
STORE.

FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS—CARPET AND UNDERTAKING DEPARTMENTS.

CHURCHILL & HOLDEN.

If there is one firm in Rush county that is entitled to the liberal support and patronage of the people more than another, it is the concern which is the subject of this sketch. This firm has displayed a spirit of progressiveness, which is highly commendable, and gives to Rushville the reputation of having in its midst the largest retail house of any city of its size in the state. The firm has been numbered among the most active in the commercial circles of the city, since they first began business. From a comparative modest beginning they each year expanded and increased their business, adding new lines and enlarging upon those already handled, until during the past year it was found absolutely necessary to seek quarters where they would have a sufficient amount of room to handle their stock. In April, the contract was awarded to the contracting firm of Dunlap & Coates of Columbus, for the erection of the present home of this industry. In September, they moved into their new building, and the four floors are filled with a stock which would be a credit to any city. To attempt to enumerate the various lines carried would be almost impossible. Almost every article for which there can possibly be a demand, is handled; furniture, stoves, china, glass and queensware, household novelties of all kinds, jewelry, clocks and silverware, pictures and frames, imported housefurnishings, carpets, rugs and all other floor coverings, draperies and window shades, and, in fact, a list which can only be comprehended when a visit is made to the store. It is well worth the time of any one to pay this store



CHURCHILL & HOLDEN'S DEPARTMENT STORE.

a visit and get prices on the various lines. While the firm has always enjoyed the reputation of selling goods close, they are now better prepared to sell goods cheaper, than at any time in the past. This is easily accounted for. The large quantity of goods which they buy, enables them to get astonishingly low prices from the manufacturers, and as they take advantage of all cash discounts their goods are well bought. Another item which is of great importance is their running expenses, which on any single line is less than that of any store in the county. Where so many different lines are handled the per cent. of expense which is added to any one line is very small indeed. Another and very important branch of their business to which especial attention is given, is undertaking. Both Mr. Holden and Mr. Earl R. Churchill are graduates of two of the best embalming colleges in existence. Mr. Holden graduated from Clark's School of Embalming in 1893, and Mr. Churchill from the United States School of Embalming in New York City. They are as well equipped as any firm in the United States, and all new specialties which are introduced in this line, both in work and supplies, are added and donated to patrons free of charge. They have been eminently successful in this branch of their business. Jefferson Churchill, the senior member of the firm, was born in Richland township, this county, March 14th, 1830; January 13th, 1856 he was married to Miss Eliza M. Reeve. To this union four children have been born, but of which Earl R. alone is living. Allen R. Holden is a native of Rush County, having been born on the farm of his father May 16th, 1857. He was married Dec. 12th, 1883 to Miss Florida E. Hargrove of this county, and to this union three daughters were born. Earl R. Churchill was born Aug. 27th, 1874 at Wabash, Indiana, he was married Oct. 14th, 1896 to Miss Florence K. Bundy of this City, and to this union one son has been born.

A GROUP OF RUSHVILLE RESIDENCES



RESIDENCE OF LOUIS NEUTZENHELZER.



RUSHVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE.



RESIDENCE OF BEN. L. SMITH.



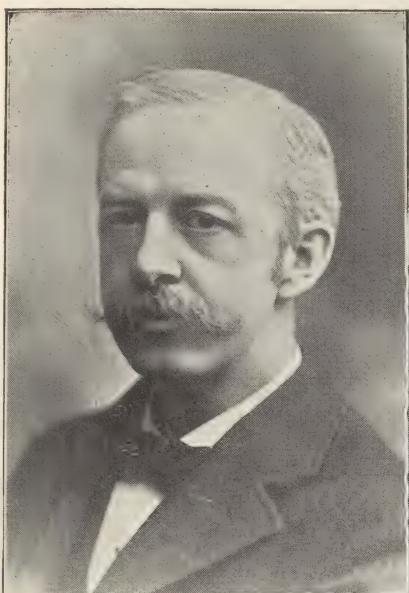
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RESIDENCE OF GREENLY G. MAUZY.



RESIDENCE OF O. C. BRANN.



H. S. STEPHENS.
H. S. STEPHENS, whose excellent photographic work is reproduced in most of the half tone illustrations in this book, is a photographer of rare and extraordinary ability. The class of work which he produces will compare favorably with that produced by any of the large city galleries. Since locating in Rushville, he has made for himself an enviable reputation and enjoys a liberal patronage. H. S. Stephens was born in Brookville, Indiana, November 22nd, 1851. At the



age of fifteen he removed to Richmond, Indiana, where in 1871 he learned the photographers business. He located in Rushville in 1874 and opened a gallery on Main Street, but in 1879 removed to his present quarters

where he has remained continuously since. He is ably assisted in his work by his brother Mr. Thomas Stephens. He is a member of the Indiana Photographers Association, and has on two occasions been awarded medals for the high class of his work. He was married March 25th, 1875, to Miss Alice Hodgen, of Richmond, and two sons, Fred and Walter, have blessed the union. He is a member of K. O. T. M. and the Methodist Church.

THE CENTRAL FUEL GAS COMPANY.

RUSHVILLE is fortunate in that it has never within the past ten years wanted for an abundant supply of natural gas for heating and lighting purposes, but never until 1897 when the Central Fuel Gas Company commenced operations have the citizens been enabled to enjoy a complete and adequate supply under a system which affords the greatest satisfaction for the least money.

Although this company is youngest in point of years, it is already very popular in the city. This may be attributed to the judgment and foresight of the management, who recognized the inequity of selling gas to the man in the mansion and the man in the humble cottage at a fixed rate, regardless of the amount consumed. The management, composed as it is of practical gas men, saw the need of a service which would enable the man of economical instincts to practice his views of economy in the consumption of light and heat. With this end in view they introduced the meter system, and its benefits were so obvious that the Company each month adds largely to its number of consumers. In addition to this advantage this Company have a supply of gas which is adequate to supply the needs and demands of the entire city. The Company's office is in the rear of the Guffin building on Morgan Street, and here they have a complete stock of all modern gas



W. J. HENLEY.



WILL M. FRAZEE.

saving appliances which they sell to customers at cost. They also keep for the convenience of their patrons a line of heating and cooking stoves and ranges. This Company make all necessary connections, including the meter, without cost to those desiring to become customers. The directors and officers of the Company are as follows: W. J. Henley, President, Claude Camborn, Vice President, Will M. Frazee, Secretary and Treasurer. The above named gentleman together with Jas. M. Felts and Ed. Adkins compose the Board of Directors.





CHAS. S. SPRITZ.

headwear of all descriptions. The business which is the subject of this sketch has, since its establishment here, been conducted by David Spritz, of Cincinnati, assisted by his brother Chas. S. and his father Henry Spritz, but recently Chas. Spritz purchased the interests of his brother and became the sole proprietor. Shortly after taking possession he found that his increased trade necessitated a change to more commodious quarters, and he fitted up his present store room especially to suit the requirements of the trade, and a more attractive and better arranged establishment cannot be found in the city. He proposes to still further expand his business in the near future. There are few, if any, more popular business men in Rushville than Mr. Spritz. He has always been most loyal to the promotion of the best interests of the city, and has at all times taken an active interest in the city's future welfare.



CLOTHING STORE OF CHAS. S. SPRITZ.



GEO. RAMSAY.

IN the Churchill block, just opposite the post office, is the photographic studio of Geo. M. Ramsay. Although Mr. Ramsay came to Rushville a stranger, his work has been of such a character that he has already gained for himself a name and reputation among lovers of high class photography. Although comparatively young in years, Mr. Ramsay has had an experience in the art of photography which has ably fitted him for the business. He served his apprenticeship with C. H. Wolfe, of Greensburg, and later took a course at the Illinois College of Photography, from which institution he graduated in 1898. He is a natural artist and his gallery is equipped splendidly for the business. Every appurtenance and accessory is new, the photographic apparatus being the best

that money can purchase and there are few galleries in the State which are prepared to turn out more artistic work. This studio makes a specialty of platino, carbon, crystaltyp, platinite and transparent photos, and also does enlarging and crayon work. Large and handsomely furnished reception, dressing and operating rooms afford the public every convenience. Mr. Ramsay comes to Rushville in a modest way asking for a share of the public patronage. He is a gentleman in whom confidence will grow as he becomes known to the citizens. His work speaks for itself, and while he has done a very satisfactory business since coming to Rushville it is safe to say that it will increase many fold as the character of his work becomes better known. He cordially invites the public to call at his studio and inspect the specimens of work he has there displayed.



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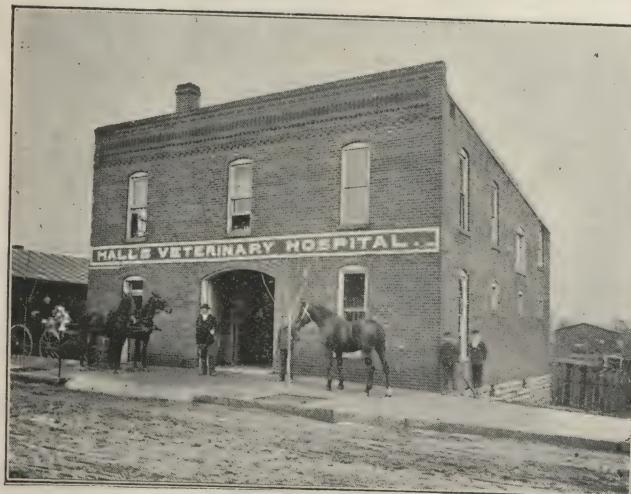


"JACK" Curry as he is familiarly known upon the turf, was born at Saundersville, Ky., (a suburb of Lexington,) March 29, 1856. He received his education in the common schools and after spending two years of careful application at Georgetown College, took the advice of Horace Greeley and went West at the age of nineteen years, to grow up with the country. He first located in Nebraska, spending two years in that State upon the plains. He then located at Salina, Kansas, and began the development of trotters and pacers, for which profession he seemed to have a natural aptitude, and although his long turf career has had some ups and downs, he has attained greater notoriety, and brought out more world-beaters, than often fall to the lot of a knight of the sulky. Soon after locating in Kansas, our subject, in connection with his brother, "Gil" Curry, who also has a national reputation as a driver, established a ranch embracing thirty-two hundred acres of land, which they thoroughly stocked with horses and cattle, at the same time training and campaigning a large stable of trotters and pacers. It was only a question of time when the excitement and attractiveness of a turf career should absorb their entire interest, and the ranch, with its entire stock of cattle and mongrel horses was disposed of. After this important change our subject soon came to the front as the driver of Alix, the greatest trotter in the world. In the spring of 1891 he entered the employ of Morris J. Jones, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, the owner of that noted mare. As her stable companions, he also had Pactolus and Redwald. He handled her with marked success as a three-year-old, and as a four-year-old drove her to a record of 2:10, being the world's champion four-year-old record. This season he also marked Pactolus in 2:12 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Redwald in 2:23 $\frac{1}{4}$. At the beginning of the following season—1893—he entered the employ of H. C. Jewett, of Jewettville, N. Y. He had six horses in his string, among which were Favora, 2:12 $\frac{1}{2}$; Elko, 2:13; Lissa, 2:16 $\frac{1}{4}$; Monita, 2:18 $\frac{1}{4}$; and Otto, 2:19 $\frac{1}{4}$. In July of this season, he resigned his position with Mr. Jewett, again taking charge of Alix, and having as her stable companions Prima Donna and Idolf. It was in this season that Mr. Curry, with Alix, won the greatest race ever trotted on the American turf, namely, the Columbian, \$15,000, free-for-all, at Washington Park, Chicago, giving Alix the champion five-year-old record of 2:07 $\frac{1}{4}$. It would be impossible to give the details of this wonderful contest. Suffice it to say there never was before, nor has been since, such a field of horses together. It included Alix, 2:09 $\frac{1}{4}$; Lord Clinton, 2:10 $\frac{1}{2}$; Pixley, 2:11 $\frac{1}{4}$; Hulda, 2:08 $\frac{1}{4}$; Walter E, 2:10; Riland T, 2:07 $\frac{3}{4}$; Lord Clinton, 2:10 $\frac{1}{2}$; Nightingale, 2:10 $\frac{1}{2}$; Alvan, 2:11 $\frac{1}{4}$; Greenleaf, 2:10 $\frac{1}{4}$; and Little Albert, 2:10. The race was a nine heat contest, and was strung out over three days. More than \$100,000 was in the pool box. Mr. Curry was fouled by one horse and run over by another in the fifth heat of the race but saved his distance and won the ninth heat and race in the wonderful time of 2:09 $\frac{1}{4}$. During this season he also marked Prima Donna in 2:09 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Idolf in 2:13 $\frac{1}{4}$. In 1894, Mr. Curry had charge of Joe Pachin who was not beaten in his class that season and obtained a record of 2:04. He is the only horse that ever went in world's record on half-mile track to sulky in 2:04 $\frac{1}{4}$. This season he also marked Carbonate in 2:09, being the first two-trained at Riverside Park last season, and at this writing, April, 1899, has fifteen head in his stable and the best lot he ever had.

DR. R. J. HALL.

NEAR the south end of Main Street is located the Veterinary Hospital of Dr. Hall. This is the only thoroughly equipped and regular veterinary hospital in Rush County. Dr. Hall is a thoroughly practical and scientific man in his profession, and realizing the need of such an institution, proceeded to occupy the field by erecting one. It is a commodious brick building of two stories, with sufficient room for the accomodation of many animals, and its numerous and well ventilated box stalls are ar-

ranged for comfort and convenience. Our subject is a native of Rush County, having been born in Washington township December 26th, 1865. He is a son of W. S. and Melinda Hall who were pioneer settlers of Rush County. He received his early education in the common schools of the County, which was supplemented by a course at the Normal College of Richmond, Indiana. After retiring from this institution he taught in the public schools for a number of terms, mostly in Jackson township. He then attended the Ohio Veterinary College of Cincinnati, from which institution he graduated in 1894. He at once located in Rushville, and has been here in successful practice up to the present time. Few young men in his profession have enjoyed a larger practice. He is a member of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association and the Indiana Veterinary Association. Dr. Hall takes a special interest in preparing fine, high acting, gentlemen's roadsters and matched pairs for the market. He has recently disposed of a number of horses of this class and has a matched pair of bays that could hardly be equaled. Parties desiring this class of horses or having a good one to dispose of cannot do better than to see Dr. Hall. On March 27th, 1888, he was married to Miss Mary E. Smelser of this County, and this union has been blessed by a boy, Wilmer,



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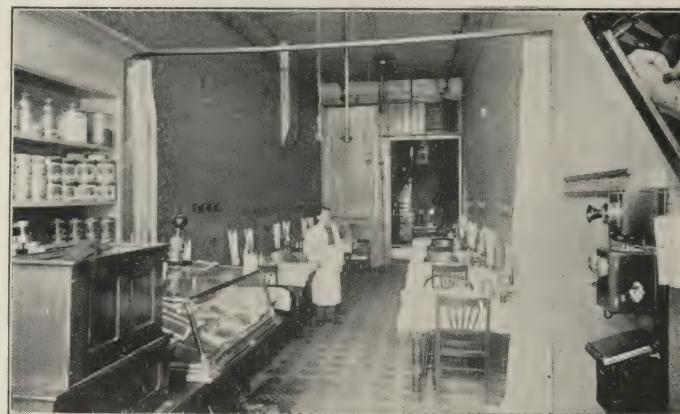


DR. R. J. HALL, V. S.



GUS WILKINSON.

NEAR the center of the square on Main Street between Second and Third is the restaurant of Gus Wilkinson. This business was purchased in the early part of the present year from Frank Fouché, and since coming into possession of the present proprietor has been improved in many ways. Mr. Wilkinson is acknowledged to be one of the best caterers in Rush County and his reputation is having much to do with his success. In the restaurant he has a cuisine which is unexcelled by any in the city. He serves both regular meals and short orders. Everything about his place is kept in the neatest and most attractive manner, and the service is all that



DELICATESSEN RESTAURANT.

the public could wish for. Mr. Wilkinson is an expert ice cream-maker and during the summer months will give special attention to this branch of the business. He is ably assisted by William Stant, and a better man could not be secured.

MRS. J. W. WILSON.

ONE of the oldest and best established shoe houses in Rushville is that now being conducted by Mrs. J. W. Wilson in the room recently vacated by Geo. T. Aultman just opposite the west entrance of the Court House. J. W. Wilson began in the boot and shoe business in 1867, and in addition to being a dealer in the manufactured article, was himself a manufacturer in the old way. The house still keeps a practical mechanic in the person of Thomas Bates, who does all kinds of repairing and makes a nice fitting boot or shoe for those desiring the custom article. They also carry a full line of leather for the accommodation of those who desire it. J. W. Wilson conducted this business from its inception, slowly but steadily enlarging it until his death, which occurred April 15th, 1897. He had the confidence of the entire community, being noted for his fair dealing, sterling honesty and the high grade of his goods. Since the death of Mr. Wilson the business has been conducted by Mrs. Wilson. The store has been recently removed to its present location from the east side of Main Street, where it had remained continuously for fifteen years. Mrs. Wilson takes a pride in keeping the highest grades of goods and the very latest styles. In addition to other lines of special excellence this house is sole agent for the noted "Nelson" custom fitting shoes for men. Mrs. Wilson has recently secured the services of Mark Perrell who was so long the head clerk in the Rushville Post Office and is one of the most popular young men in the city. She is assisted also by her daughter, Jennie. Mrs. Wilson owns nice property at the corner of Jackson and West Seventh Streets where she resides.



SHOE STORE OF MRS. J. W. WILSON.



J. K. MATTOX.

J. K. MATTOX is a native of Ohio having been born in Clermont County that State May 3, 1848. At the age of twenty he left Ohio and located in the adjoining County of Decatur, but after one year removed to Rushville. After locating in Rushville he engaged with the Rush County Tile Company and continued with them for seven years, after which he engaged in butchering following this vocation for fifteen years, until 1894 when he was selected to serve as city treasurer. In July, 1897 Mr. Mattox became the proprietor of the most complete and best equipped bakery and confectionery in the city and has enlarged and enhanced the business to such an extent that it is now recognized as one of the leading commercial industries of the city. The business was purchased of Fritter & Co., and immediately after taking possession of it, Mr. Mattox began to enlarge and improve it. In addition to the bakery and confectionery business Mr. Mattox has in the rear of the store room an attractive ice cream parlor where, during the summer months ice cream, ices, sherbet, soda water and other delicacies are served, and during the winter months oysters. The subject of this sketch was married October 7, 1878 to Miss Abbie Seichrest of New

Albany, and to this union six children have been born, three sons and three daughters. He is Ex-Post Commander of the local G. A. R. and is also a member of the Improved Order of Redmen, the I. O. O. F. and belongs to the Christian Church.

J. K. MATTOX.

GEORGE HARRELL.



GEO. HARRELL.

in the common schools, and was engaged in farming for about fifteen years. He owned a splendid farm in Noble Township which he disposed of recently. After locating in Rushville, he engaged in the cigar and tobacco business for a time and upon disposing of this conducted a dairy business until about the 1st of March, 1898, when he engaged in his present line of business in connection with C. B. Allen. Our subject was married February 22, 1883, to Miss

ON the second day of December, 1898, the subject of this sketch took full possession of the meat business formerly owned by C. B. Allen and Geo. Harrell. Since this change occurred, the establishment has been thoroughly overhauled and the stock of meats greatly enlarged in quantity and variety. There is no meat market in the city which is neater in appearance, or more cleanly and attractive than Harrell's, located in the Commercial Block. Mr. Harrell is ably assisted in conducting this business by Ed. Lyons, who is known as one of the most efficient and accomplished butchers in the city, having been engaged in the business in this city continuously for fifteen years. He has at different times been employed by almost every meat man in Rushville and is recognized as strictly up-to-date. Geo. Harrell was born in Noble Township, December 31, 1860. He was educated



ED. LYONS.



INTERIOR OF GEORGE HARRELL'S MEAT STORE.

Lizzie Lyons. They have one child, a handsome daughter, Pearl, now about fifteen years of age. It is generally predicted that it will be but a short time until this firm will be enjoying one of the most liberal patronages in the city, as the methods which they are introducing into their business, are bound to influence the public to trade with them. Since taking posession of the shop the business of the new firm has almost doubled and is still further increasing.

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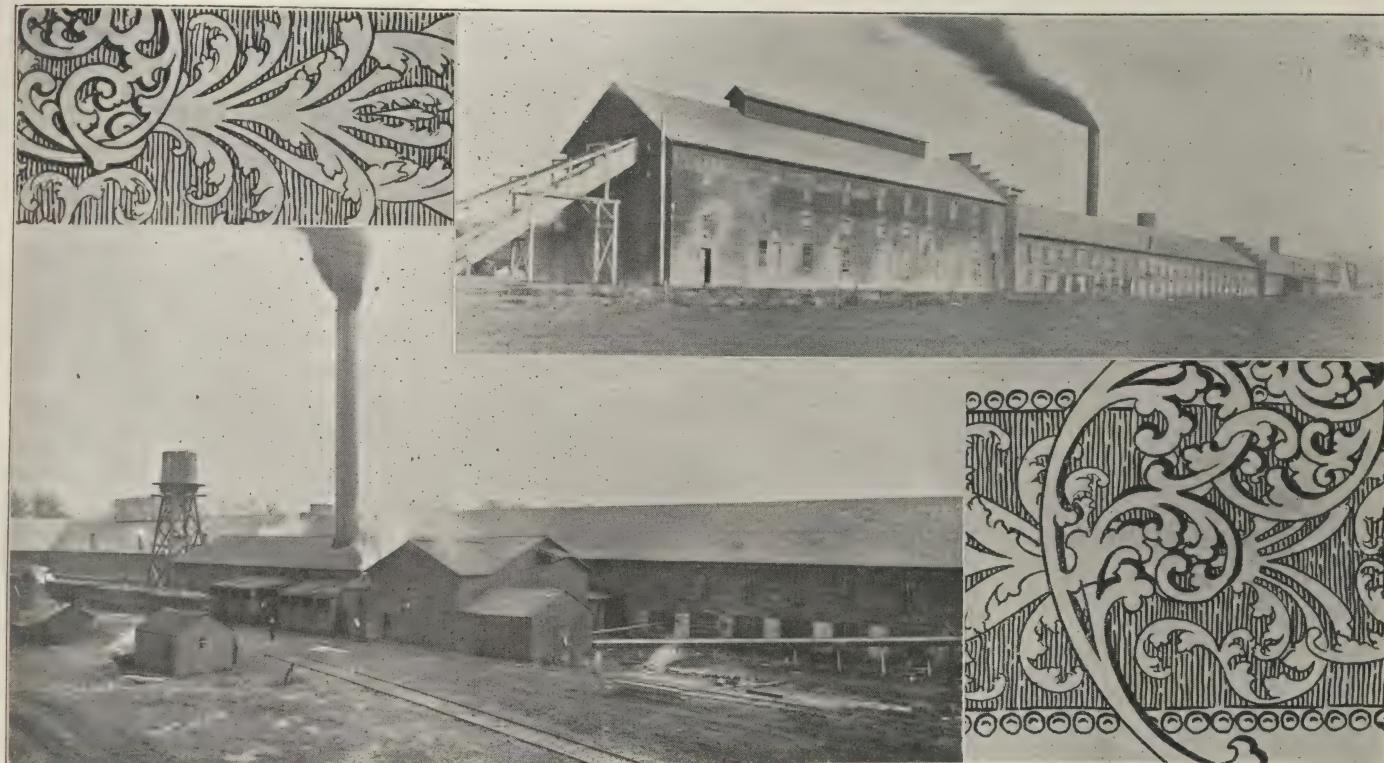
MARION W. McCANN.

THE subject of this sketch is one of the most thoroughly energetic business men in this part of the State. The term "hustler" is the only descriptive word which conveys the proper idea. Mr. McCann is general agent for the Cleveland Dryer Co., manufacturers of high grade commercial fertilizers. His territory comprises Indiana and a portion of Illinois. He was appointed to this lucrative and responsible position Nov. 22d, 1898, having been selected on account of special fitness and adaptation to the position, out of three hundred applicants. There is probably no man who has made a more careful study of the subject of fertilizing than Mr. McCann. He has not only made careful analyses of the different kinds of fertilizers, but being a farmer has tested them practically, and when he tells the public that the goods produced by the Cleveland Dryer Company have no superior as a plant food, he speaks from the standpoint of scientific and practical knowledge and his word can be relied upon. Mr. McCann was born in Raleigh, Rush County, Ind., Jan. 12, 1864, being a son of Isreal and Lucinda McCann. After receiving such education as was afforded by the common schools of Rush County, Mr. McCann gave his attention to agriculture, during which time he applied himself to private reading and study. Few men have acquired a broader scope of general knowledge than the subject of this sketch. He gave up farming Nov. 1889, to become reporter and traveling solicitor for the Cincinnati Enquirer. In this field he was pre-eminently successful, securing the largest subscription list for that paper of any man in the United States. For this service, in addition to the usual compensation he received as a premium \$625. After retiring from

the Enquirer he engaged in the implement business for a number of years with marked success; first, as head salesman for Oliver Ferguson of Milton Ind., for two years, then in 1896 with the Warder, Bushnell & Glessner Co., of Springfield, Ohio and Chicago. In 1897 he took a position with the Deering Harvester Co., and continued with this concern up to the time of accepting his present position. In all these undertakings Mr. McCann has been unusually successful and has accumulated property. He is strictly a self-made man. Oct. 1st, 1893 he was married to Miss Nora Hinchman, a daughter of Ex-Commissioner Allen Hinchman. Mr. McCann owns nice residence property in Rushville, number 403 West Fifth Street, where he resides. In conjunction with his two brothers, L. B. and Robert C. McCann he owns a nice farm in Union Township. He is a Past Grand member I. O. O. F. and a member of Rushville Tent No. 32 K. O. T. M.

CARTHAGE.

CARTHAGE, the second city in size in Rush County, is a thriving, progressive town of nearly two thousand inhabitants. The citizens, and especially the business men, are thrifty and energetic, and it will be but a short time, until this town will be recognized as a commercial and manufacturing center of more than ordinary importance. The population is made up of a class of men, who for the most part are well-to-do, and as they take a warm interest in the development



of the little town in which many of them underwent the hardships of pioneers, its progress is rapid, yet at the same time, substantial. The settlement of Ripley township is made up largely of Quakers, and the morals of the town taken as a whole, are almost above reproach. The business is conducted by men of sterling worth, and business failures are a thing almost unknown. The various religious denominations have handsome homes in which to worship, and the schoolhouse at Carthage is considered one of the finest in the state.

Scattered throughout the city you will find residences which bespeak the prosperity of their owners. The streets are graveled and well kept; the sidewalks are all concrete, and, taken all in all, it is an ideal town in which to live or do business. Through the efforts of a number of the most influential citizens, several thriving manufacturing industries have been located, most conspicuous among which is the straw board works. This and the other factories give employment to hundreds of mechanics, who each week add their mite to the commercial thrift of the town. Carthage was laid out August 18, 1834, by John Clark and Henry Henley.



M. E. CHURCH, CARTHAGE.

NIXON & GOTTLIEB.



GURNEY NIXON.

GOOD tailors are the demand of the hour. Notwithstanding the enormous sales of ready-made clothing, to be properly and fashionably dressed, the services of first-class and up-to-date tailors must be called into requisition. Such a firm as this, are Nixon & Gottlieb. Both of the members of this firm, Gurney Nixon, and Fred. W. Gottlieb, are thorough and practical tailors, well versed in every detail of their business. Persons who like to be well dressed can secure here, clothing equally as fine and well made as in any of the large cities, and at much lower prices. The firm carry a full line of cloths, cassimeres, and materials adapted to all demands, and make up to order at short notice, any style of garments. Both of the gentlemen are expert and experienced cutters, and the garments made, are in strict accord with the prevailing fashions. In addition to the merchant tailoring business the firm carry a full, complete and carefully selected stock of hats and caps, and

boys' and men's furnishing goods, which they are selling at astonishingly low prices. Both of the partners are comparatively young men, but they are endowed with a degree of push and energy, which will keep them well in the van in Carthage business circles. Gurney Nixon is a native of Carthage, having been born in this city August 11, 1869. When quite young he served an apprenticeship in the establishment of Ed. Tyner, of Rushville. After leaving the employ of Mr. Tyner, he worked at his trade as a journeyman for a number of years, thereby gaining much useful knowledge and experience. In 1895 he re-located in Carthage and associated himself in business with Mr. Frank Bender under the firm name of Bender & Nixon. He has since continued in business in this city, though the firm has twice been changed. June 30, 1892, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Walters of Lancaster, Ohio. Fred. W. Gottlieb was born in Berlin, Ont., May 30, 1869. At the age of 13, he began an apprenticeship under one of the best tailors in Canada. After serving his time he worked for over two years as a journeyman. After working in many of the principal cities of Canada, he came to the United States, and for the next few years of his life, sojourned in many states of the Union, working in the larger cities. In 1892 he located at Bellevue, and for over a year had charge of the cutting department of one of the largest clothing syndicates of northern Ohio. He later resigned this position to engage in business for himself and became a member of the firm of Knauss & Gottlieb. In the latter part of 1895, he disposed of this business and came to Rush County. For nearly three years prior to engaging in business in Carthage he was employed by Theo. Abercrombie as cutter and tailor. November 26, 1895, Mr. Gottlieb and Miss Stella Small, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zacharia Small, prominent farmers of this section, were married.



FRED. W. GOTTLIEB.



DR. JOHN A. SIPE.

ONE of the young members of the medical profession who has come rapidly to the front and become thoroughly known throughout Rush and adjoining counties, is Dr. John Sipe, the subject of this sketch. That he should have become thus early, a skillful and successful practitioner is but natural, as his native talent and early tendencies in that direction were stimulated and directed by his father, Dr. R. W. Sipe, of Orange, Indiana, who is also a well read and skillful physician. Our subject was born at Orange, Indiana, Nov. 14, 1872. After receiving such education as was afforded by the common schools of Rush and Fayette Counties, and taking a preparatory course of reading and instruction under his father, he attended Hanover College for a period of about three years. Upon retiring from college, he again spent about two years in professional study and practice in connection with his father, after which he attended the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, from which institution he graduated in May, 1894. Very soon after completing his collegiate course he located in Carthage, and from that time to the present, his business has been a growing success. Probably no physician in that part of the county enjoys a larger or more lucrative practice. Jan. 7th, 1896, he was married to Miss Anna M. Jones, daughter of Ex-Commissioner C. B. Jones. They have one child, Dorothy, a charming daughter. Dr. Sipe is a member of the M. E. Church, Odd Fellows and Masonic orders.

J. B. SHOOK.

WHILE not numbered among the oldest of the business enterprises of Carthage, there are few which are doing a more satisfactory business than the restaurant and bakery of J. B. Shook. Mr. Shook is an old experienced restaurant man, and knows just how to meet the requirements of the public. He is ably assisted by his wife, who enjoys the reputation of being a very superior cook. They serve in addition to short order meals, regular meals and are gaining a large share of the trade of the traveling public. Soda water, ice cream and oysters are served in excellent style in season. Fresh bread and cakes are baked daily, and in addition to these, Mr. Shook carries a full line of cigars and tobaccos, in which he enjoys a liberal trade. This business was established in the present quarters on West Mill street, April 1st, 1897.



J. B. SHOOK.

DR. O. S. COFFIN.



DR. O. S. COFFIN.

commanded a large and lucrative practice. He gives the major part of his time to his practice and the details of the store are entrusted to Mr. O. S. Marsh, a registered pharmacist, and a more competent, trustworthy and popular gentleman could not possibly be secured. Dr. O. S. Coffin was born Nov. 7th, 1857 at Westland, Hancock County, and spent his early life upon the farm of his father. His schooling was obtained in the common schools supplemented by a course in Spiceland Academy. From which institution he graduated at the head of his class in 1883.

He later attended the Indiana Eclectic Medical College, After receiving his diploma he located in Greenfield where he practiced for five years, and in 1887 located in Carthage, and has been here continuously since. He was married April 14, 1886 to Miss Mary Blackledge of this County, and to this Union one son, Kenneth D. has been born. Dr. Coffin is a member of the State and National Eclectic Medical Societies and the Masonic Order. His store is located on Main Street and his office is in the Henley Block on Mill Street.



RESIDENCE OF DR. O. S. COFFIN.



DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT OF WOOTEN & HILL.

ready-made dresses and cloaks, carpets, rugs and other floor coverings, etc. One-half of their building is devoted to clothing, shoes, hats and men's furnishing goods. In all of these various lines this firm keeps only the very best grades, and highest class of goods, and as they are close and cash buyers, they sell goods at prices much less than the same quality of goods would cost in the larger cities. The citizens living in Carthage and vicinity are not slow to recognize these facts and this firm is enjoying a splendid trade, and one which is constantly expanding. This firm was originally organized as Wooten & Dennis, but in 1897, Samuel B. Hill, one of the best known men in the County, purchased a two-thirds interest in the business and the business was greatly expanded. Mr. Hill's son, Roland H. Hill takes an active part in the management of this business and will as soon as he attains his majority, become a partner.



CLOTHING DEPARTMENT OF WOOTEN & HILL.

ALLEN W. NEWSOM.

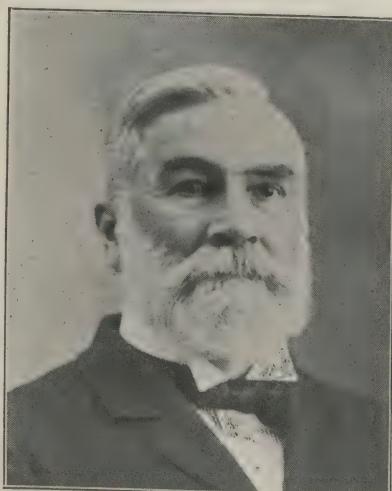


NEWSOM BLOCK.

residence property in Carthage and a farm in Ripley township. Allen W. Newsom was born June 7, 1842, being a son of Luke and Cynthia Newsom, who came from Carolina and located in Ripley township. On October 5th, 1865, our subject was married to Miss Alma M. White of Wabash County, who died February 18th, 1878. He was again married February 28th, 1883, to Mary E. Pusey of Ripley township. Three children were born to the first marriage and two to the second, three boys and two girls. Mr. and Mrs. Newsom are members of the Friend's Church.

OWEN S. HILL.

ONE OF the best known business men in Carthage is Owen S. Hill, and Hill's Pharmacy is a popular place with the trading public. This business was originally established by Levi Binford, but came into the possession of the present proprietor a number of years ago, and since that time has been considerably expanded. A full and complete line of drugs and druggists' sundries, wall paper, school books and supplies, cigars and tobacco, etc., are carried in stock. Special attention is given to the filling of prescriptions, and in this branch of the business Mr. Hill has had over a quarter of a century of experience. Owen S. Hill was born in Ripley township February 2, 1838, and with the exception of a few years, has spent his entire life in Carthage.



OWEN S. HILL.

good ones as Jesse W. 2:14 $\frac{1}{4}$, which he marked. He also brought out and made a breadwinner of the noted horse, Gus Barrett, 2:09 $\frac{3}{4}$. Frank P. Jones was born on the farm of his father Caloin B. Jones, Ex-County Commissioner, Aug. 27, 1869. He was married February 24th, 1898 to Miss Louise Pennington of Ogden, Henry County, Ind. This young couple start out on the journey of life with bright prospects,

PROBABLY the oldest and best established business in the town of Carthage is the Mercantile Establishment of Allen W. Newsom. Mr. Newsom is the pioneer merchant of the town, having commenced his business career there when Carthage was a mere village, and for thirty-two years he has been actively engaged in Mercantile lines at this particular point. What he has accomplished is evidenced by his present standing, the universal confidence in which he is held by the community, and the property which he has accumulated. By a life of honest perseverance and fair dealing coupled with a manner and disposition naturally pleasant and agreeable, Mr. Newsom has always made his store popular and has constantly held a very large share of the public patronage. He carries a complete line of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, Notions, etc., etc. His store is located on the most prominent corner in the town, in what is known as the Newsom Block, which building Mr. Newsom owns. He also owns one of the finest pieces of



RESIDENCE OF ALLEN W. NEWSOM.

FRANK P. JONES.

THE town of Carthage is the second town in size in Rush County. The only livery business in this thriving town is owned and conducted by Frank P. Jones. Mr. Jones is especially adapted to this line of work, having been engaged in the handling and developing of horses for a long time. He was located at Rushville before coming to Carthage, and for a number of seasons campaigned a string of trotters and pacers. He is one of the best judges of horse flesh in Rush County, and in addition to the livery business, buys for the general market. He is contemplating the advisability of disposing of his livery business with a view to devoting his entire time and attention to the development of speed horses. While campaigning he had in his string such



FRANK P. JONES.



R. E. HENLEY.

he returned to Carthage and for three years was a member of the dry goods firm of Hill, Henley & Co. He dispersed of his interest in this business to engage in his present undertaking. Mr. Henley was one of the original promoters of natural gas in this vicinity, and was one of the first to subscribe stock in the Carthage Natural Gas Co. He is also a director in the local building association. December 18, 1884, Mr. Henley was united in marriage to Miss Alma Stone of this city, and the union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Miss Lavonne; Mr. Henley and his family reside in one of the handsomest houses in the city, located at the corner of Mill and Market streets. He also owns other valua-

CONSPICUOUS among the commercial enterprises of Carthage is the grocery and glassware store of R. Edgar Henley. This business came into the hands of the present proprietor, Oct. 16, 1888, at which time he purchased it of Owen Hill. At that time the business was conducted in a small way, and was but a minor factor in business circles, but immediately after becoming its proprietor, Mr. Henley inaugurated a system of business principles, which, coupled with his natural energy and perseverance, soon brought it into the front rank, and it is today recognized as one of the most progressive and liberally patronized establishments of the kind in the country. In addition to the full and complete stock of staple and fancy groceries, queensware and glassware are handled. Mr. Henley certainly deserves the liberal patronage which he receives, for he has at all times been a leader in any and all movements which would tend to the advancement of Carthage. R. Edgar Henley, was born in Ripley township, Oct. 16, 1855, and is a son of Thos. W., and Hannah C. Henley, who were among the pioneers of this settlement. After receiving such education as was obtainable in the county schools he completed his schooling at the Spiceland Academy and Earlham College at Richmond. After leaving school



RESIDENCE OF R. E. HENLEY.

able real estate in the city. He is a member of the Quaker Church, the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. In politics, he is a republican, and has served as city clerk and councilman at various times. He is ably assisted in his store by Mr. Samuel Sowders, one of the most popular young men and accomplished clerks in the county.

BYRON D. BALL.

ONE of the comparatively young, but prosperous and growing industries of Carthage is the harness and buggy business of Byron D. Ball. Mr. Ball is the leading dealer in and manufacturer of all kinds of horse outfitting. These include single and double work and driving harness, robes, whips, saddles, collars, traces and trace chains buckles,



INTERIOR OF SHOP OF BYRON BALL.

straps, carriage rugs, oils, axle grease, and the infinitude of odds and ends needed by all owners of horse flesh. In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Ball handles a splendid line of buggies, carriages and other vehicles. In all these lines our subject is thoroughly progressive and enterprising. He does not permit himself to be undersold by any competitor. He understands the modern principles comprehended in the saying, that "business is business," and that people buy where they can get the greatest value for the least money. With this in view, his trade has been constantly growing from the very moment of the establishment of his business. Our subject is himself a thorough mechanic in the line of harness making and repairing. He guarantees his workmanship to be the very best, and none are more reasonable in their charges. Our subject was born Sept. 24th, 1875, in Ripley township, being a son of Samuel O. and Cassinda Ball. He received a common school education and engaged in agriculture up to the time he began to work at his trade. He spent about three years in learning the business, working for Jack Stanley and Otto Hill, men well known to the people of Carthage. He established his present business, April 4, 1898. Sept. 29, 1898, he was married to Miss Lena Belle Bundy, one of the charming and wealthy young ladies of Carthage.



BYRON BALL.



MATTIE BENTLEY.

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THE residents of Carthage and vicinity are to be congratulated upon having in their midst a Millinery Establishment which can compete with the very best in point of style and beauty, and at prices much lower than those obtained in larger establishments and larger cities, for goods of the same quality and excellence of execution. It is thoroughly known among the people of Ripley township, that as a milliner and business woman, Miss Bentley possesses unusual taste and natural ability, and that in dealing with her they are not only assured of obtaining the very latest styles and patterns, coupled with the very best taste and skill in trimming, but also of fair and honest dealing in the way of prices. She realizes that in the long run, much is to be gained by giving her patrons the very best of goods and the greatest possible value for the least money. Miss Bentley was born in Ripley township, being the daughter of John B. and Mary E. Bentley; she has had several years of experience in trimming and by carefully cultivating her natural taste and aptitude, has become a real artist in her calling. She is a member of the Friend's Church and possesses the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

THE CARTHAGE RECORD.

THERE is nothing in any town of more importance than its newspapers, and so it is with Carthage. In the Record the citizens have a paper of which they may well feel proud, and one which should each week be in the homes of not only all of the citizens of Carthage, but Ripley township as well. This paper was established in 1887 by Edward Charles, and after changing hands a number of times, became the property of Lloyd W. Henley, who within the past few weeks sold it. Never before was it so ably edited, well gotten out, and deserving of the unanimous support of the citizens. It is Republican in politics and is issued weekly.



J. R. RAKESTRAW.

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CARTHAGE has in the jewelry store of J. R. Rakestraw, an establishment which would be a credit to a much larger town. This business was established June 16, 1897, and at that time the proprietor had no other capital than a thorough knowledge of his profession and \$2.19 in money, but with these he went to work and as his skill as a mechanic became known his business constantly increased, until now he is enjoying a splendid business, and in addition to an unequalled equipment of tools for watch making and repair work, has a well selected line of watches, clocks and jewelry. Mr. Rakestraw is a graduate of Parson's Horological Institute, and is considered such a fine workman that he secures business from all parts of the county.

HENLEY & DILLMAN.

THERE is no industry in the town of Carthage which is of more importance to its citizens and which is deserving of more liberal support than that conducted by Messrs. Henley & Dillman, successors to Mercer, Henley & Co. The members of the firm are both well known, reliable and popular, and there is no reason why Carthage should not become a grain center

of considerable importance. In addition to their store room and warehouse on Main Street, the firm has recently purchased the elevator on the Big Four track, and are now in a better position than ever before to cater to the needs of the farmers. They buy, ship and store grain, and are at all times in this market and pay the highest cash market price for grain, hay, feed, wool and stock. They conduct in connection with their business an exchange department which is a great convenience to farmers. Flour and various other necessities are exchanged for the products of the farm. They are also agents in this locality for the Horse Shoe Brand Fertilizers. Enos Henley was born Sept. 6, 1842, he was united in marriage in 1872 to Miss Elizabeth Newby; to this union four children were born. His wife died in 1876 and two years later he married Miss Picking, and to this union two children were born. G. S. Dillman was born July 2, 1837. He was united in marriage Aug. 17, 1868 to Miss Virgia E. Harris, and to this union five children have been born, one son and four daughters. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

LLOYD W. HENLEY.
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CARTHAGE MODEL MILLS, C. G. CLARK, PROP.



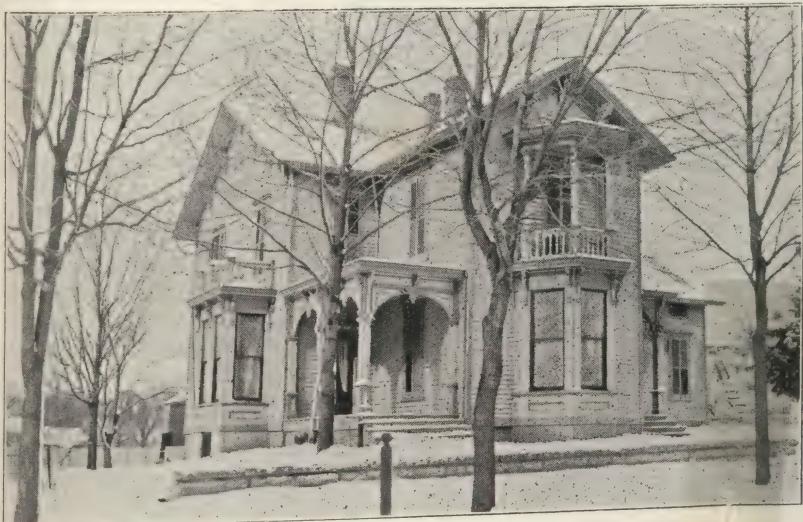
MRS. PARKER.

FRANK PARKER

is a foregone conclusion. He was born in Hamilton, Ohio, September 18, 1854, and after receiving an education in the schools of that city, he learned the machinist trade. He worked at this trade for a number of years until 1882, when he located in Rushville and engaged in the hay, grain, and straw business. He continued in this business until 1891, when he accepted the responsible position of straw buyer for the straw board works of Carthage. In this capacity he has, in all probability, paid to the farmers of Rush County, more money than any other one man in the county. He was married in 1878 to Miss Phila R. March, of Hamilton and to this union three sons and two daughters have been born. He is a member of the K. of P., and resides in a comfortable home of his own.

DR. J. H. JONES.

AMONG the late acquisitions to the professional circles of Carthage is Dr. J. H. Jones. The subject of this sketch, Dr. Jones, was born at Blairsville, Ga., May 22, 1860. His early life was spent in East Tennessee, where in the common schools of that section, he received the first rudiments of his education. He later attended the Grant Memorial University of Athens, Ga. After leaving college he enrolled himself as a student in the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which institution he graduated in 1890.



RESIDENCE OF W. P. HENLEY.

Especially large practice in these specialties. For two years, Dr. Jones practiced at Butlerville, Jennings County, and left there about one year ago to locate here. He was married April 5, 1882, to Miss Laura E. Wampler, of Wytheville, Va.

W. H. SHARER.

(Successor to PARKER & PARKER.)

ONE of the most successful enterprises of Carthage, is the hardware concern in the large two-story frame building on Mill street, which has for a number of years been conducted by Parker & Parker. The business was conducted by Frank Parker and his wife, but owing to the failing health of the former, the business was recently disposed of to Mr. W. H. Sharer. By this change Mr. Sharer became the proprietor of a thriving business, and as he is a man of push and enterprise, he will, without doubt, conduct a store which will have few equals in the county. He has already increased the stock and added a full line of buggies, wagons and other vehicles. The stock of hardware is complete and embraces everything which should be kept in a modern and up-to-date establishment. In addition he will carry a full line of the leading makes of agricultural implements of all descriptions. Stoves, tinware, harness, table and pocket cutlery, etc., are carried. There is no more popular or widely known man in the county than "Billy" Sharer, and the success of his new venture



INTERIOR, STORE OF W. H. SHARER.



DR. J. H. JONES.

CHARLES R. BUTLER.

CHAS. R. BUTLER

PROBABLY the busiest and most thriving enterprise in the town of Carthage is the General Machine, Repair and Pattern Shop of Charles R. Butler. The building in which this business is carried on is a large and commodious two story structure only a little way from the central portion of the town. It is well fitted with all the modern machinery adapted to this class of work, and the power is furnished by a splendid gas engine. Mr. Butler makes a specialty of repairing and reconstructing all kinds of small and fine machinery, giving especial attention to the repairing of bicycles, guns and fire arms of all kinds—in fact any kind of intricate machinery. In addition to this, pattern and model making is a particular line of his business. He has machinery especially adapted to it and is thoroughly skilled in the art. He also has the agency for this section, for the celebrated Acetylene Gas trade. There is no superior light to the Acetylene, and this is the beginning of what promises to develop into one of the most important enterprises in this section of Indiana. Chas. R. Butler was born in Ripley township May 16, 1877. He received such education as was obtainable in the common schools, supplemented by his own study and reading. From the beginning he made a specialty of the study of mechanics and electrical appliances for which his mind naturally seemed to have a peculiar adaptation. His present business was started in 1894 in a small way and has constantly grown under the impetus of his skill and pluck. He now employs two skilled laborers beside himself and will soon employ many more.

HARRY E. STAGER.

THREE are few men in Carthage better known or better liked than Harry E. Stager, proprietor of the Carthage Creamery. Mr. Stager is one of those men who can make a success of almost anything which they undertake, and the success which he has made of the Creamery since taking charge of it about two years ago is an evidence of the truth of this statement. This institution was originally started by a stock company, but in 1895 Mr. Stager purchased it, and since that time it has taken a place among the successful industries of the town. The Creamery is a great benefit to the community as it has an annual capacity of 10,000 pounds of cream, and Mr. Stager is in the market to purchase all of the cream that is brought to him. He pays each month to the farmers between five and eight hundred dollars. He has a contract to furnish the State all of the butter used at the Sailors and Soldiers Orphan's Home, and the management of that institution are highly pleased with the quality of the product they are receiving. Harry E. Stager was born in Jonestown, Pa., November 25, 1862 where his early life was spent. After first locating in Rush County he took charge of the Carthage Flour Mill and conducted it successfully for a number of years. He is at the present time secretary and manager of the Carthage Natural Gas Company and has an office on Main street. He is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and the M. E. Church.

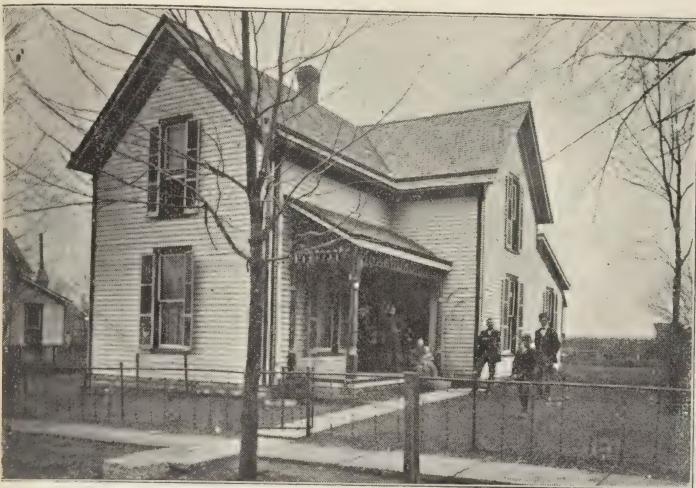
- MILROY -



A. F. WALKER AND FAMILY.

A. F. WALKER.

ONE of the best equipped village stores in the County is that of A. F. Walker, of Milroy. Mr. Walker established this business in 1889, and it has been a growing success since the day of its inception. The stock embraces groceries, light hardware, tin ware, stationery, dry goods, notions, and all miscellaneous articles usually kept in an up-to-date general store. Mr. Walker never fails to meet all competition in prices, quality and quantity of goods. Citizens of Milroy and vicinity will find his store a pleasant and profitable place at which to deal. The subject of this sketch was born at Jamestown, Boone County, August 25th, 1851, and is a son of Farris and Maria (Hull) Walker. At the age of six years his parents located at Chattanooga, Tenn., but after three years returned to Indiana. After remaining in his native State for a short time, he again removed with his family to Illinois, where they farmed. Mr. Walker stayed on the farm of his father until he became of age, when he removed to Indianapolis and learned telegraphy. After becoming an expert at this profession he located at New Market, this State, where he was appointed



RESIDENCE OF MR. WALKER.

operator and station agent. At the same time he opened a general merchandise store in that town, which he conducted successfully for fifteen years and disposed of the business to come to Milroy. After locating here he purchased the stock of Robert Dorst. Three years ago he moved into his present quarters. Mr. Walker was married August 12th, 1875 to Miss Allie V. Demoret, of New Market. To this union six children have been born, five of whom are living. He lives in a neat home of his own, which is shown in the accompanying illustration. When Mr. Walker first located in the town of Milroy he was located in the building on the corner two squares east of his present quarters, but his business expanded so rapidly that he found it necessary to make a change, and in 1896 he moved to his present place of business. He carries such a large stock that he will in the near future be forced to build an addition to his store room. He is ably assisted in the store by his oldest son, Bert, who is a splendid salesman and very popular with the trade. His oldest daughter is married and is the wife of Mr. Edgar Archey, a prominent stock buyer doing business in and near Milroy.

McKEE & THOMAS.

ONE of the busiest stores in Milroy, is the hardware and implement house of McKee and Thomas. The members of this firm are wide awake and enterprising men and do a remarkably large volume of business for a town the size of Milroy. They handle a full and complete line of hardware, agricultural implements, farm machinery of all descriptions, fertilizers, buggies and wagons, etc. This business was established about twenty-two years ago, and came into possession of the senior member of the firm in 1873. Since that time Mr. McKee has had as partners W. A. Blair and Ernest Thomas. The present partnership was formed in May, 1898. At that time Mr. Thomas was engaged extensively in the buggy business and when he formed the partnership this line was added to those already carried, and it is safe to say,



W. L. M'KEE.

that there is not a firm in the County doing a more extensive buggy business than McKee & Thomas. They also handle a full line of bicycles, and bicycle sundries. Mr. McKee is a practical tinner, and to this branch of the business special attention is given. They do all kinds of repair work, and have a large trade in cornice and tin roofing. In the line of agricultural implements, they endeavor to handle only such makes as are most popular with the people and are best suited to this part of the country. They are at present having a large run on Hammond cultivators and

have been born. He owns a home of his own, which is one of the most attractive in Milroy. Mr. McKee and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Edgar Thomas, the junior member, was born August 28, 1866, on the farm of his father, William Thomas, near Milroy. He was raised on the farm, and after receiving such education as was afforded by the common schools, attended the Central Normal College at Danville, for two terms. After returning from college he engaged in farming, and continued in this vocation until at the age of twenty-six he engaged in the buggy business as stated above. He has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in the adjoining Counties and is considered a splendid salesman. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.



EDGAR THOMAS.

Milwaukee binders, reapers, and mowers. They have recently taken the agency for Zell's celebrated fertilizers, one of the most popular brands made, and are receiving large orders, with which they expect to do an enormous business, during the coming season. W. L. McKee, the senior member of the firm, was born and raised in Bentonville, Ohio. After working at his trade in Kentucky for three years, he came to Milroy where he located in 1883. October 12, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Baldridge, of Cherry Fork, Ohio, and to the union two sons



INTERIOR OF STORE OF M'KEE & THOMAS.

S. O. NORRIS.

ONE of the most important enterprises of Milroy is the furniture and undertaking business of S. O. Norris, and the citizens living at or near Milroy are to be congratulated upon having an establishment of this kind in their midst. Mr. Norris is decidedly popular with the people, and as the character of work which he is doing is becoming better known, his business is steadily increasing. This business came into the possession of the present proprietor in 1888, when he purchased the business of James Wyatt. Immediately after taking possession, he increased the stock of furniture and began fitting himself for the undertaking business. He is especially adapted to this branch of the business, as he has naturally a kind and sympathetic disposition, and when the home is saddened by a death, knows just what to say and do in the most appropriate manner. To this may be attributed much of his success. Mr. Norris is a graduate of Clark's School of Embalming, at Cincinnati; Sullivan's Embalming School, of Indianapolis; and the Maryland College of Embalming. Another item of importance to the public is the matter of cost. Mr. Norris is so situated that he is enabled to conduct a funeral at from fifteen to twenty



S. O. NORRIS.

INTERIOR OF FURNITURE STORE OF S. O. NORRIS.

MRS. S. O. NORRIS.

five per cent. less than the major part of his competitors. This is because he does his own work, and is at little expense. He carries a full stock of coffins, caskets, burial robes, shrouds, etc. He owns a funeral car which is one of the finest in the county. Mr. Norris' residence adjoins his place of business, and he is in a position to answer calls day or night. He carries a complete line of furniture and house furnishing goods, and his trade is increasing so that he will find it necessary to build an addition to his present quarters. S. O. Norris was born Sept. 18, 1848, in Alabama, but when a small child removed with his parents to Mississippi. Thirty-one years ago he located in Decatur County and engaged in farming, which he followed until he engaged in business. He was married December 15, 1868, to Miss Mary L. Crawford of Decatur County. In addition to his business block and residence he owns a farm in Decatur Co. He belongs to the Indiana State Association of Embalmers.

THE MILROY PRESS.

IN THE year 1895 there was established in Milroy a small weekly paper. This paper has since that time grown both in size and importance and it is to-day a paper of which the citizens of Milroy may well feel proud. The present proprietor is Mr. Frank Curtis Green and he is a thorough and competent newspaperman and it is safe to predict that so long as he guides the destiny of the Milroy Press the paper will thrive. He is at present publishing a six-column quarto, all-home-print paper, and it is each week filled with interesting local and foreign reading matter. The citizens of Milroy should extend their liberal support to this paper. It is independent in politics.



WM. SERIGHT.

THE subject of this sketch has just completed the erection of one of the handsomest and most up-to-date grain elevators in Rush County, on the tracks of the Big Four at Milroy. He is therefore in a position to handle any quantity of grain, and as his enterprise and integrity are thoroughly known, he may be depended upon to pay the farmers the highest possible price for their wheat and corn. In addition to the grain business, Mr. Seright carries high grade flour, coal and salt. Mr. Seright is one of the best known and most respected citizens of Rush County, having lived in Anderson Township from the date of his birth, which occurred January 20th, 1825. He received such education as was obtainable in the common schools at that early period, which with his own application and methodical habits have made him a proficient man of business. He has followed farming for the major part of his life, and only disposed of his farm a few years ago, upon removing to Milroy. For two years he served his township in the capacity of township trustee, his

last term ending in 1885. In 1849 he was married to Miss Mary Overlease, who was his faithful companion up to her decease. One son was born to them, Daniel W., who is now deceased, leaving two children. Our subject was again married, Dec. 11, 1876, to Miss Sarah E. Wood, his present wife. Mr. Seright is a member of the Christian Church. The importance to a town of an elevator such as that just erected by Mr. Seright can not be overestimated, and it will be but a short time until those of the citizens of Milroy who are engaged in commercial pursuits will feel and realize the beneficial influence of this industry. Farmers like to trade with a man like Mr. Seright, and a great many of them will go miles out of their way to bring their grain here to sell, which can not do otherwise than redound to the future good of the city. The citizens should appreciate this and should exert their efforts so far as possible to make this new enterprise the success it deserves to be. The elevator which is shown in the accompanying illustration is one of the most compact and complete elevators, not only in Rush County, but in this entire section of the country. The power is furnished by an improved gas engine, and grain can be carried to any part of this immense structure with comparative ease. Mr. Searight will make a specialty of storing grain for farmers who desire to hold it, and is in a position to offer exceedingly low rates on this class of business, and parties who have grain or seed should see him before making other arrangements.

WM. SERIGHT.



ELEVATOR OF WILLIAM SEARIGHT.

DR. SAMUEL C. THOMAS.

THE oldest physician of Milroy, and one of the oldest and best known in the county is Dr. S. C. Thomas. Dr. Thomas has been a resident of Milroy for half a century, and in that time has in all probability become better acquainted with more families than any other one man in the county. As a physician he has few peers, and is a pleasant and affable gentleman whom it is a pleasure to know. Dr. Thomas is a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, having been born in that state,

March 5th, 1832, and is the eldest of eleven children born to John and Abigail (Carter) Thomas. The paternal grandfather of Dr. Thomas was Daniel Thomas, a native of Kentucky, who came to Rush County in the pioneer days and settled near Milroy about 1848. The mother of Dr. Thomas was born in New Jersey in 1814, and died at Milroy in 1887. The early boyhood of the subject of this sketch was spent at Carthage, Ohio. At the age of eleven years he went to Drake County, Ohio, where he remained on the farm of his grandfather Carter, until 1850, when he removed to Milroy, and until 1853 his winters were spent in the schoolroom as teacher, and his summers, on the farm. In 1853 he entered Asbury—now DePauw—University, where he remained two years, and there began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. C. B. Wharton. In 1858 Dr. Thomas graduated at the Eclectic College of Medicine at Cincinnati, and since that time has been engaged continuously in the practice of his profession. Oct. 14, 1858, he was married to Miss Emily Clements, of Franklin, Ind., and to the union six children have been born, Abbie F., Kate A., Ernest B., Claude B., Pearly Wilbur, and Clifford C. Two of these sons, Ernest and Claude, are located at Rushville, Ernest is County Recorder, and Claude is with M. R. Hull.



DR. S. C. THOMAS.



RESIDENCE AND OFFICE OF DR. S. C. THOMAS.

ROOT & GREEN.

THE firm of Root & Green contribute materially to the commercial activity of Milroy. They are proprietors of the Milroy Mill and of an elevator, which has the reputation of being one of the best conducted in the country. Both of the gentlemen which comprise the firm, enjoy having the confidence and esteem of the public, and are doing a most satisfactory business. They find a ready market for all the flour which they are able to manufacture, and it gives the best of satisfaction in the hundreds of homes where it is used. The principal brands manufactured are the "Pond Lilly,"



MILL OF ROOT & GREEN.

elevator which is shown in the illustration, was begun. It was completed in the latter part of the year and since that time the firm has been doing a splendid business. William A. Root was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, February 15th, 1845. When a small child his parents located on a farm near Milroy, and after receiving his education in the Milroy schools, he farmed until 1887, when he engaged in the grain and elevator business. For four years he was a member of the firm of Root & Brown, after which he was in business for himself until 1898, when he engaged in business with his present partner, Mr. Green. He is a member of the Masonic Order and the Christian Church. George W. Green was born in Aurora, Indiana, April 30th, 1837. In 1841 his parents located in Richmond, where he lived until he was fourteen years of age. At Metmora, Indiana he engaged in milling, grain and the elevator business. He was also engaged in the same business at Summitville, Indiana for ten years. It will thus be seen that Mr. Green is a thorough and practical man in this line of work. He was married September 21, 1858, to Miss Elizabeth Gordon, and to the union one son was born, who is now grown. Mr. Green is a member of the Methodist Church. The importance to Milroy of the two industries conducted by Messrs. Root and Green cannot be overestimated. The firm each month distribute among the farmers hundreds of dollars which in turn is spent with the business men. The elevator which is shown in the above illustration was constructed during the year 1898. It is well and substantially built and has a capacity of more than thirty thousand bushels of grain. In the mill this firm employs in addition to Mr. Guy C. Root who has charge of the management of the business, a practical and competent miller who is acknowledged to be one of the best in this section of the country. The mill is at the present time run at full capacity to supply the demand.



JOSEPH F. RICHE.



ELEVATOR OF ROOT & GREEN.

"White Dove," and "Silver Leaf." All of which are very popular. The mill has a capacity of seventy-five barrels per day. The management of the mill is intrusted to Guy C. Root, son of the senior member of the firm, and a more competent man could not be secured for the position. The firm of Root & Green was organized about one year ago, and immediately thereafter the erection of the elegant new

THE subject of this sketch is an attorney and counselor-at-law, having been admitted to the Rush County bar in 1893. He has made himself thoroughly proficient as a lawyer, and is prepared to give legal counsel and advice and to take charge of any legal matters that may arise. He is also a Notary Public and thoroughly up in matters of conveyancing and all points requiring the services of a Notary. Mr. Riche was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November, 26, 1838, and came to Rush County in 1848, where he has remained almost continuously up to the present time. He received such early education as was afforded by the common schools, which has been greatly broadened generally, and in a professional way by his own study and research. For a considerable time he was justice of the peace of Anderson township by special appointment of the county commissioners. He has been a member of the Masonic Order since 1860. Milroy and the people of Anderson Township are fortunate in having in their midst a man of the knowledge and experience of Mr. Riche, in all legal, advisory and notarial business of the community in preference to any foreign attorney or Notary Public. It is greatly to the interest of a community to have such a man in their midst and they should show their appreciation by a liberal patronage.

JOSEPH F. RICHE.



FAMILY OF W. W. BARTON.

ton was born September 30th, 1855, in Milroy, and is the son of John C. and Mary (Tompkins) Barton. He received his early education in the schools of this city, which was supplemented by a course at the Spiceland Academy and University at Valparaiso, after leaving school he was enrolled as a student in the University of Louisville, where he spent one year. He later took a complete course at the Medical College of Indiana and graduated from that institution. After leaving school he came to Milroy, and in partnership with Edward Innis, founded his present business. In 1885 he purchased the interest of his partner, and since that time has conducted the business himself. In addition to his store he owns a handsome residence just north of it on Main Street. Mr. Barton was married April 4th, 1894, to Miss Viroqua Swain, of Milroy, and two pretty daughters have blessed the union. Mr. Barton is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Barton is one of the most progressive men in Milroy, and is abreast of the times in all matters pertaining to his trade.

W. W. BARTON.

IN the drug store of Dr. W. W. Barton, the citizens of Milroy have a well-kept, up-to-date establishment, which is a credit to the town. On the shelves of this store can be found everything which should be kept in a well-appointed city store. His line of cigars is not excelled by that kept by any store in Rush County, and as the proprietor is a regular graduate in medicine he is one of the safest men in the County to trust with the filling of prescriptions. He keeps in addition to a full line of drugs and druggist sundries, a complete stock of school books and supplies. W. W. Bar-



INTERIOR DRUG STORE OF W. W. BARTON.

N. E. TOMPKINS.

AMONG the most enterprising men of Milroy is the subject of this sketch. He has one of the best grocery stores, connected with which he conducts the only bakery in the town. He also owns the principal hotel, and Mrs. Tompkins, who, as hostess, has charge of that part of the business, makes it very homelike and attractive. It is especially popular with the traveling public, and many traveling salesmen make Milroy for a few meals each trip in preference to the larger cities. In addition to staple and fancy groceries and a general bakery business, Mr. Tompkins also carries full lines of queensware and crockery, fancy candies, cigars and tobacco, and the host of other articles usually kept in a general store. N. E. Tompkins was born June 2d, 1857, being a son of Wash. Tompkins, one of the most noted pioneers of Rush County. He received such education as was obtainable in the common schools, and for a number of years followed farming. He afterwards made quite a success of the lime business, running the only lime kiln in Rush County. From 1881 to 1883, he was proprietor of the Stewart House which he disposed of to James Davis. For a considerable time he was salesman in the drug store of Ed. Innis and upon retiring from this position established his present business, about Sept., 1884, which has been a growing success from the beginning.

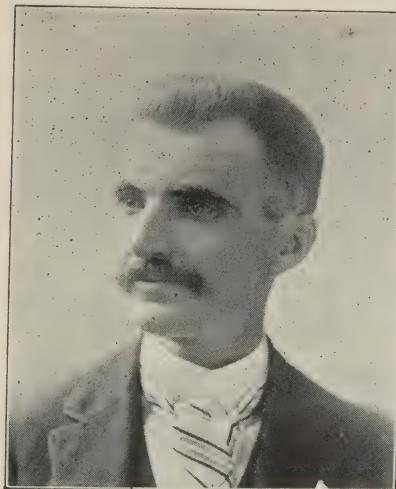
February 24th, 1874, he was married to Miss Louisa Crosby, of Milroy. Three children were born to them, Rush W., Mary C. and Edward F. Miss Mary is a handsome young lady now acquiring a musical education in Cincinnati. In February, 1896, our subject was again married to Mrs. Mary E. Morrison, his present wife. Mr. Tompkins is a member of the K. of P. order and the Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins are both experienced in the hotel line and they make a special effort to have this feature of their business attractive to the general public. Their table is constantly laden with the best the market affords, always cooked and prepared in the most attractive way, having a bakery in connection with their business, always insures a fresh supply of bread cakes and pastry.



HOTEL AND STORE OF N. E. TOMPKINS.



N. E. TOMPKINS.



B. F. BALLINGER.

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THE general store conducted by the subject of this sketch is located on probably the most prominent business corner in the town of Milroy. Mr. Ballinger has been identified with this business since 1891, a part of the time as partner, but more recently as sole proprietor. During all of this period, the business has been enlarging and growing more prosperous. He carries full lines of dry goods, clothing, groceries, cigars and tobacco, hats, caps and gents' furnishing goods. He makes a specialty of gents' furnishings, his stock embracing head-wear, neck-wear, under-wear, shirts, socks, and the divers and sundry articles which enter into the make up of the most stylish and fastidious gentlemen. Our subject was born in Milroy, March 5th, 1863. He obtained a common school education, and early devoted himself to business. He began by clerking in the dry goods store of Elston and afterwards filled the same position in the store of Simon Pink. After Mr. Pink left Milroy he was employed in the grocery store of Joel Smith for seven years. He then became identified with his present business, and with what success, has already been stated. October 4th, 1893, Mr. Ballinger was married to Miss Eva McKee, of Fayetteville, Ind. Two children have been born to them, Frank, aged four years, and Lois Delphine, a baby daughter, nine months old. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.



DR. CHALES L. SMULLEN.

HAS. L. SMULLEN, the subject of this sketch is numbered among the best known and most successful of the younger physicians of Rush County. He was born Nov. 20, 1864 in Fayette County, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (McCann) Smullen. His early life was spent upon his father's farm, but at the age of nineteen he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. D. H. Vannurs, of Falmouth. He continued his studies here for three years, at the expiration of which time he entered

the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, where he pursued his studies for one term. The following year he enrolled himself as a student of the Indiana Medical College of Indianapolis from which institution he graduated in 1889. After leaving school he located in Fairview where he practiced for three years. In 1892 he came to Raleigh, and from that time until the present, there has never been a time when he was not busy, as he has a large practice extending over a radius of six or seven miles. Since he first began the practice of his profession, success has attended his efforts and a bright future is predicted for him by all who have taken note of the earnest manner in which he has applied himself, and his devotion in mastering the many innovations and modern methods of the medical profession. In his office will be found a library of considerable size and on the shelves are many of the most important works treating on the subject of disease. The medical profession is a profession in



DR. CHAS. L. SMULLEN.



OFFICE AND RESIDENCE OF DR. CHAS. L. SMULLEN.

which there has been many innovations within the past few years, and a physician to keep thoroughly in touch with the business must keep himself well posted as how to best treat disease in the most improved and scientific manner. Dr. Smullen is a close student, and when not actively engaged in attending the needs of his patients he employs his time in home study and reading. Dr. Smullen has a host of warm friends in the vicinity of Fairview, where, as stated above, he practiced medicine for three years, and it is not an unfrequent occurrence for him to receive calls for him to re-visit many of his old patients in that vicinity. Dr. Smullen is the owner of a fine maltese greyhound which is a very rare specimen of the canine family, and in which he takes a great deal of pride. Dr. Smullen owns and lives in one of the neatest and most attractive cottages in this section of Rush County, and as will be seen by the accompanying illustration his office is located on the same lot as his residence. Dr. Smullen's wife, prior to marriage, was Miss Mary Higley of Fairview, who is one of the most charming and estimable ladies of this vicinity, and who has a wide circle of friends both here and at her former home.

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FAMILY OF A. F. ENGLISH.

menced teaching school and continued this vocation with a marked degree of success for twelve years, when he was elected to the important and responsible position of Trustee of Walker township. In 1892 he established the millinery business and opened his insurance office on Main Street. He has recently accepted the local agency for the Continental Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., and while he has always done a large volume of business in the insurance line, he expects to expand it, as the Continental is one of the best and most reliable companies in the country. Mr. English was married August 1, 1889, to Miss Mary Martyn, of Shelby County, and to this union two children have been born. They are, Mabel, aged eight and Hugh who was born the latter part of last year.

A. F. ENGLISH.

THERE are few more popular men in Rush County than A. F. English, fire insurance agent and proprietor of Manilla's only millinery store. This store is presided over by the wife of Mr. English and in the spring and fall seasons they employ an expert trimmer and the ladies living in the vicinity of this thriving little village are enabled to secure the prevailing styles at a nominal cost without leaving their home town. In addition to millinery, a stock of notions and ladies furnishing goods are carried. The convenience of an establishment of this kind can readily be seen, and it should be accorded the hearty and liberal support of the citizens. A. F. English was born on the farm of his father J. A. English in Walker township, this County, December 8, 1860. At the early age of sixteen he com-



OFFICE OF A. F. ENGLISH.

BERT STAFFORD.

The latest acquisition to the business circles of Manilla is Bert Stafford, who, in the latter part of 1898 opened in the Trees Block a complete grocery and general store. It is one of the neatest and most attractive places of business in Manilla, and it will be but a short time until he is enjoying one of the most lucrative trades in that town. His stock is all new fresh and clean and he is a pleasant and affable gentleman with whom to do business. His stock of groceries is very complete and he is constantly adding new lines as he finds what the needs of the people demand. He has recently taken the agency for the Emory J. Smith Company's fertilizers, which are recognized as one of the best fertilizers on the market. Mr. Stafford has introduced as a feature of his business the giving away of valuable prizes to cash customers. The subject of this sketch was born in Shelby County this State January 13th, 1866, and was raised on the farm. In 1883 he located in Shelbyville and for years clerked in a grocery store in that city. Later he engaged in business for himself in that city and continued for five years, when he removed to Manilla. He was united in marriage in 1891 to Miss Florence Dickman, of Shelbyville, and to the union two daughters have been born. He is a member of Shelbyville lodge of Modern Woodmen.



INTERIOR OF BERT STAFFORD'S GROCERY STORE.

LEONDIAS MULL.

ANY work of a historical nature of Rush County, especially of Manilla, which did not make mention of Thomas, Leondias and Frank Mull would be like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. Their grandfather, Jacob Mull, was one of the pioneer settlers of Rush County, one of the founders of the little town of Manilla and its first store keeper. Their father, Cyrus Mull, was one of the best known and best liked men in the county. The Brant and Fuller history of Rush County which was published in 1888 pays him the following tribute: "He was a leading citizen and at the time of his death the wealthiest man in the County. He was a devoted husband. In all his varied and extensive business operations, his whole life seemed centered around the family hearthstone, and he made it a happy and comfortable place for all who come there. the little town which was so dear to their father, and by their upright, honorable business methods have won for themselves an enviable position in Rush County. While the biography of each of these brothers would prove of interest to their host of friends, space compels the author to limit this sketch to mention of the youngest son, Leondias Mull, who is just at the present the most conspicuous in the public eye, from the fact that within the past year he achieved one of the most pronounced and marvelous political victories which was ever recorded in the State of Indiana. Lon Mull, as he is familiarly known, has always been, since he was old enough to take any part in politics, a voter and a worker in the ranks of the Democratic party. He never sought political preferment, but when the Rush County Democratic Convention met in 1898, they placed his name at the head of their ticket as their candidate for State Representative. After receiving the nomination Mr. Mull did not despair because the County was over four hundred Republican but went to work and developed ability as a campaigner, which even his most intimate friends did not know that he possessed. He made a thorough canvass of the County and called on nearly every voter. The results of his labor and popularity were attested when the ballots were counted and it was found that Mr. Mull had a majority of nearly two hundred. He was the first Democratic representative ever elected from Rush County, and when he took his seat in the legislature his work was watched with unusual interest. His record in this body was one of which he and his friends may well feel proud. There is not a Democrat in the State who stands in better favor with his party and the public than does Mr. Mull, and it is safe to say that should he at any time in the future permit his name to be submitted to the people in connection with any office within the gift of the voters of Indiana, they would show their approval of his course as a legislator by their hearty and unanimous support. Although he was of the minority he made himself felt on every question of importance to the people, and assisted the Republicans to pass such measures as he believed would redound to the best interest of the people in general. Leondias Mull was born at his father's home in Manilla, October 8th, 1866. He received his education in the common schools and the State Normal school at Lebanon, supplemented by a course in a business college. Since leaving school he has devoted himself to farming, stock raising and the loaning of money. In the latter business he is in partnership with his brother, Thomas. Mr. Mull also devotes a great deal of his time to the settling up of estates, in which he has had a vast amount of experience. He is interested in the Manilla Natural Gas Company, and takes an interest in anything calculated to advance Manilla commercially or industrially.



LEONDIAS MULL.



RESIDENCE OF FRANK MULL.

THE MULL HOMESTEAD.—HOME OF LEONDIAS AND TOM MULL.



E. WOODARD.

THE citizens of Manilla and vicinity are to be congratulated upon having in their midst an undertaking establishment such as that conducted by Mr. E. Woodward and his two step sons Carey and Harry Hand. The business is one for which Mr. Woodward is particularly adapted and it will be but a short time until this firm has a business which will compare favorably with that of many concerns of the larger cities. This firm as it now is, is a new one, having been organized January 1st of the present year. They are successors to Edward Woodward, who has been engaged in the business for the past nine years in Manilla and Rushville.

The firm will in addition to their undertaking business carry a full and complete stock of furniture of all description and they are at the present time making arrangements to erect a large two story building 28x70 feet, which when completed will give them ample room to display their goods. The second floor will be used as a city



CAREY HAND.

HARRY HAND.



UNDERTAKING ESTABLISHMENT OF WOODARD & HAND BROS.

complete stock of furniture and will be able to furnish a house from cellar to garret. They will carry in addition to furniture a full assortment of carpets and other floor coverings. The accompanying illustration is the present quarters of this firm which will be occupied only until the new building is completed. It also shows their funeral car.



ODD FELLOWS BLOCK AT HOMER.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. E. P. TREES.

E. WOODARD & HAND BROS.

hall. Each of the members of this firm is especially adapted to this business, as they are practical cabinet makers. Edward Woodard was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, March 8th, 1854. He located in this County in 1882, and has been actively engaged in various enterprises since. Three years of this time was spent in farming, and for five years was engaged in the cabinet making in Rushville. August 30th, 1876, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Armilda Hand of Shelbyville. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen. Mr. Woodard is a graduate of Clark's School of Embalming, of Indianapolis, and also has received a diploma from Fitzhugh's School of Scientific and Sanitary Embalming, an institution of national reputation. The Hand brothers are twins, and were born October 18th, 1888, in Shelbyville. After completing their schooling they learned the cabinet makers trade, and have followed the business continuously since. Harry in addition to this business conducts a barber shop at Manilla. Both are members of the Modern Woodmen. Mr. Woodard has a large acquaintance extending over the major part of the County and it is safe to say that in a short time this firm will be enjoying an undertaking business which will be second to none in Rush County. As soon as their new store-room is completed they will lay in a



STORE AND RESIDENCE OF C. M. TAYLOR.

close buyer as well as a good judge of all kinds of goods, is due the cheapness of his wares. Mr. Taylor has recently added a new and very popular feature to his business. With each \$25.00 worth of goods sold, he gives to his patrons a valuable present. C. M. Taylor was born in Memphis, Clark County, Ind., January 10th, 1852. For thirteen years he followed the profession of teaching, after which he followed railroading and telegraphy until he engaged in his present line of business. On May 23, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura E. Mather of Campbellsburg, Ind. Their domestic life has been most agreeable. They have eight children, four boys and four girls. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the M. E. Church.

DR. LUCIAN ALLEN LOUDEN.

ONE of the best known and most popular practitioners of the medical profession in Manilla is Dr. Lucian Allen Louden, the subject of this sketch. Dr. Louden is a native of this County, having been born on the farm of his father, Andrew M. Louden, in Anderson Township, November 29th 1861. He was raised on the farm, and received his early education in the County schools, supplemented by a thorough course in the graded schools of Greensburg. For three years he read medicine with Dr. Jno. Spalding, of Hartford, Ohio County, Indiana, after which he attended the Indiana State Medical College, Indianapolis, from which Institution he graduated February 26th, 1885. After graduating he located in Willington, Dearborn County, where he practiced for two years. In 1887 he removed to Manilla where he has since enjoyed a lucrative practice. The doctor was married January 18th, 1882 to Miss Mary L. Cooper of Hartford, and to this union four children, one son and three daughters have been born. His office and residence are located on Main Street. Dr. Louden is a member of the Rush County and the District Medical Societies. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Masons and the Methodist Church.

JOHN J. SCHLIESSMAN.

THE citizens of Manilla are to be congratulated upon having in their midst, a well equipped photographic studio, and an artist whose ability is unquestioned. This photographic studio is but a recent acquisition to the business circles of Manilla. The business was established by the present proprietor in 1894, but was totally destroyed in the destructive fire of

1896, and Mr. Schliessman has just reopened his gallery in his own home opposite the school house. His apparatus is the latest improved and he is prepared to take all kinds and styles of photographs at astonishingly low figures. John J. Schliessman was born in New York City, March 6, 1850. His parents died when he was but an infant and he was left an orphan to battle with the world as best he could. When a small boy he left his native home and located in Decatur County, this State, where he went to work on a farm. In 1860 when the call was made for volunteers he enlisted in the 146th Ind. Vol. Infantry, and served until the close of the war when he was mustered out, ie then returned to Decatur County and re-engaged in farming. After pursuing this vocation for ten years, he engaged in fruit culture and is an expert horticulturist. In 1893 he located in Manilla, and a year later opened the gallery as above stated. September 1, 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Conley of Decatur County, and the union has been blessed by the birth of one child, a daughter. Mr. Schliessman is a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur. He is enjoying a good trade and one which is constantly enlarging as the character of his work is becoming better known. Mr. Schliessman has recently added to his equipment an expensive lens which is especially adapted to view work, and he is now prepared to fill orders for this class of photography. The major part of the Manilla illustrations in this book are reproductions from his work. Mr. Schliessman is ably assisted in his gallery by his estimable wife who is also an artist of ability. She has worked with her husband for a number of years and has grown to be an expert in the details of the photographer's art.



JOHN J. SCHLIESSMAN.

C. M. TAYLOR.

I cannot be disputed that the subject of this sketch is the most enterprising and up-to-date general merchant in the flourishing town of Manilla, and it is equally clear that the success he has met with in his business life has been earned by hard work, close application and honest and methodical principles applied to his business. Mr. Taylor came to Manilla in 1884 and started his present business in a modest way; he is to-day the most prominent general merchant in that part of Rush County with a business that is growing constantly. His store is the best stocked and most liberally patronized of any in Walker Township, the people having learned to appreciate the fine assortment of merchandise to be found at all times in his establishment, and the very moderate prices at which he holds his goods. The stock embraces groceries, dry goods, notions, boots and shoes, hardware, queensware, carpets, rugs, household goods, clothing and all miscellaneous articles usually kept in a general store. "Well bought is half sold" is an adage in which Mr. Taylor believes, and to the fact that he is a



DR. LUCIAN ALLEN LOUDEN.

DR. W. E. BARNUM.

A GREAT number of the citizens of Rush and adjoining counties have for many years been familiar with the name of Dr. W. E. Barnum, physician and specialist, and a brief sketch of his life and review of the success achieved by him in a professional way, will prove of more than ordinary interest. The doctor has been a resident of this section for nearly a quarter of a century and has during this time been popular and prominent, but when two years ago he began the special treatment of ruptures he became so conspicuous in medical circles, that it is safe to say there are to-day few, if any physicians



DR. W. E. BARNUM.



RESIDENCE OF DR. BARNUM.

better known. The fact that for over twenty years he has been a conscientious and successful practitioner lends weight to his claims as a specialist, and when he announces that he can permanently cure a rupture, the people of this vicinity know that it is no idle boast, but a veritable fact. For a number of years he has devoted much time and study to hernia (rupture) and goitre (big-neck) in their different phases and treatment. In 1896 he took a special course of study under the most noted specialists of the country in both branches of his specialty. During the past year Dr. Barnum has treated forty-five cases and has not met with a single failure. He guarantees a cure in every instance in both hernia and goitre, and so confident is he of his ability, that no charge is made unless a permanent cure is effected. The doctor's skill is becoming so well known that patients are coming to him from a distance for treatment. Dr. W. E. Barnum is a native of Jennings County, having been born at the historic old town of Vernon. He received his early education in the schools of that town, and is a graduate of the high school at Hopewell, this state. After receiving his diploma, he enrolled himself as a student at DePauw College, and after remaining one year here, finished his classical education in the Transylvania University at Lexington, Ky. He returned to his Jennings County home and for two years read and practiced medicine in the office of Dr. C. H. Green, of North Vernon. In 1877 he graduated from the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, and immediately thereafter removed to Manilla. May 23, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Lavanche Tomes, of Rush County, and to this union three children have been born, two of whom are living. Emerson, aged sixteen and Miss Vivian, aged thirteen. Dr. Barnum and family reside in one of the nicest homes in Manilla. He is a member of the Quaker Church and Order of Red Men.

MRS. ADALINE ZIKE.

ONE of the features which contributes to the attractiveness of the town of Manilla, especially in the estimation of the traveling public, is the principal hotel, owned and conducted by the subject of this sketch. The house is comfortable, well arranged and of ample size for a town of this class. The table is always neat and attractive, and laden with the best and most substantial that the market affords. Mrs. Zike has had long experience in the management of a hotel, her husband having been in the same line of business before his death, which occurred July 2nd, 1888. She thoroughly understands the art of making her hotel homelike and pleasant for her guests. The rate is moderate, being one dollar per day. Adaline Zike was born in Forsyth County, North Carolina, being the daughter of Moses B. and Matilda Hester, both natives of Forsyth County, N. C. She came to Manilla, Rush County, Ind., and has remained here up to the present. On January 18th, 1874, she was united in marriage to Joseph Zike, with whom she lived happily until his death. To this union four children were born,

one son and three daughters, three of whom remain at home, the eldest daughter being married. Mrs. Zike has been conducting the hotel business in the present location for three years. She owns the building and an adjoining business room, also two pieces of residence property in Manilla and two additional lots. She thoroughly deserves the general esteem and the liberal patronage which she enjoys. This hotel is especially well thought of by the traveling fraternity.



CENTRAL HOTEL.



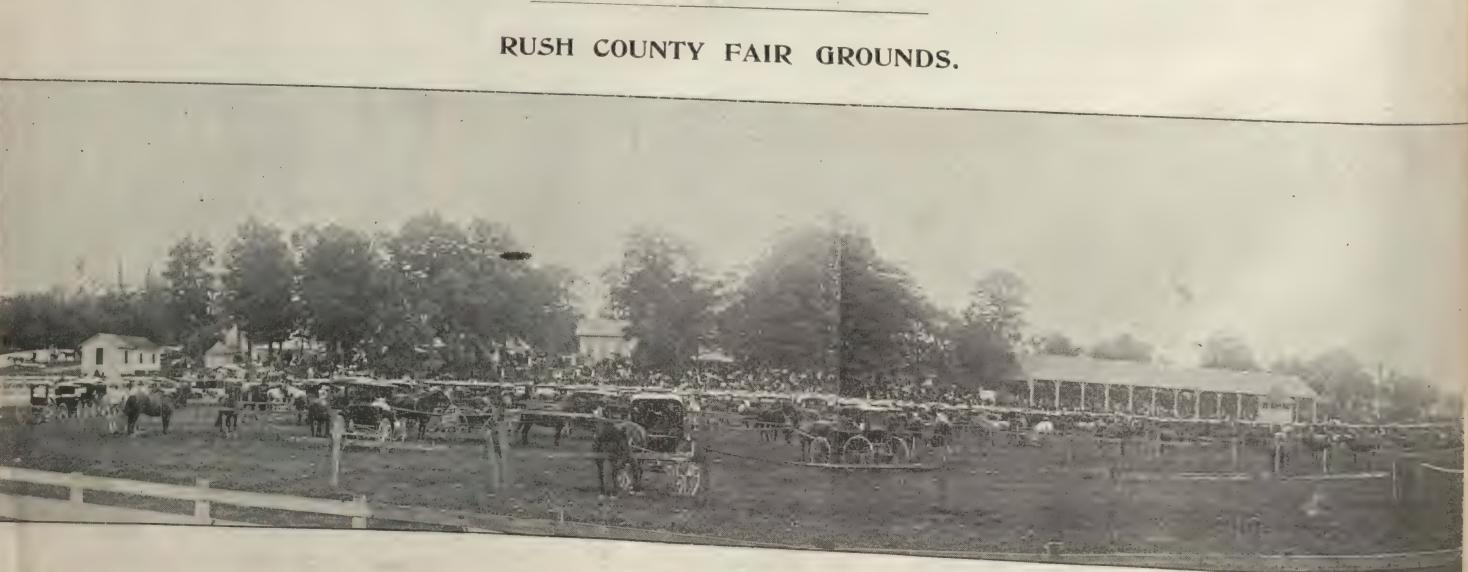
MRS. ADALINE ZIKE.

JOHN W. MULL.

THE subject of this sketch belongs to a family who are the most substantial, thrifty and reliable people of Rush County. The name, Mull, carries with it its own badge of respectability and high standing, and the subject of this sketch is no exception to the general rule. In fact he is one of the younger members of the family who has early become a leading citizen of his township. This is coincided by the position which he fills, namely, that of Township Trustee. The people of a township usually look for one of their best men in point of business ability and general standing, to fill this important office as it is one of trust and unusual responsibility. John W. Mull was elected Trustee of Walker Township in 1894 for a term of four years, beginning August 5th, 1895, and has discharged the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of the people of his township, being characterized by sterling honesty and economy, coupled with sound judgment in the use of public funds. He was born in Rush County, January 26th, 1857, receiving his early education in the schools of the County and forming his habits of industry and business methods from the precepts and example of his father and those members of the Mull family who had made a life success before him. His principal occupation has been that of farming, at which he has made a decided success. In politics he has been a Democrat and was elected to his present position upon that ticket. February 13th, 1878, he was married to Miss Carrie G. English who was a native of Kentucky. Four children have been born to them, three of whom are living, one having died in infancy. Those living are Clyde, Howard and Walter, all of whom are at home and assist their father in carrying on the business of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Mull are members of the Baptist Church. They reside in a nice country home, upon Mr. Mull's



JOHN W. MULL AND FAMILY.

**RUSH COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS.**



WOODS SCENE NEAR MOSCOW, RUSH COUNTY.

GOWDY

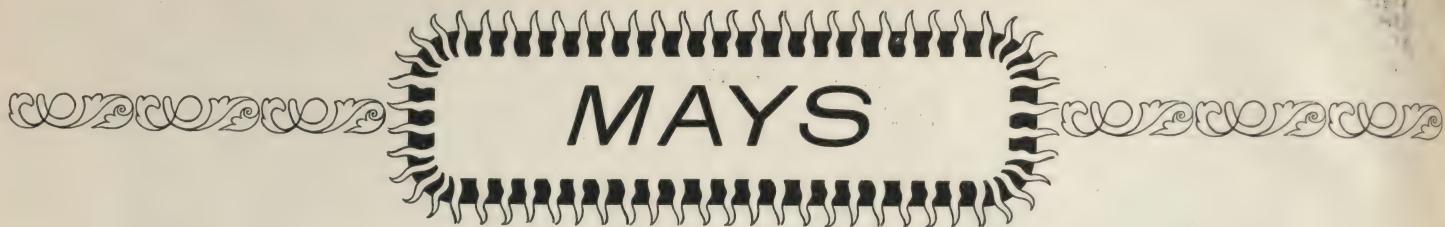
JOHN B McDANIEL.

JOHN B. McDANIEL was born on the farm of his father, Andrew J. McDaniel, in Decatur County, May 25, 1848. When but a small child, seven years of age, his parents removed to Illinois, where his early life was spent and his education obtained. After living in Illinois for twelve years he returned to Indiana and settled in Shelby County, near Cynthiana. In 1873 he began teaching school and taught continuously in Rush County until 1873, when he purchased a farm one mile north of what is now Gowdy postoffice. He continued in this line of work until 1892 when he erected the general merchandise store which is shown in the accompanying illustration. He has since that time continued farming and the management of this business. He has a complete stock of general merchandise in his store, and enjoys a large patronage. Mr. McDaniel has twice been married. He was first married in 1873 to Miss Rebecca Miligan, who died one year later. In 1877 he was married to Miss Margaret M. Stewart, who lived near Moscow in this township. To this union one child was born. The home of Mr. McDaniel was again saddened by the death of his wife in 1887. In 1894 their child also died. Mr. McDaniel was appointed deputy postmaster



STORE OF J. B. McDANIEL.

in 1892, and in May, 1895, was made postmaster. He is a member of the home lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Blue Ridge Encampment and the State Grange.



DR. H. P. METCALF.

DR. H. P. METCALF is a native of Kentucky, having been born in that State April 18, 1857. His father was engaged in agricultural pursuits and the early life of the subject of this sketch was spent upon his father's farm. He obtained the first rudiments of his education in the district schools of his native State which was supplemented by reading and home study. In 1880 he began the study of medicine. After applying himself for two years he entered the University of Kentucky. After graduating he located at Paint Lick, Ky., where he enjoyed a lucrative practice for six years after which he removed to Richmond this State, where he followed his profession successfully for eight years. In 1895 he located in Mays and has built up a splendid practice which is still further expanding as his ability becomes better known. August 10, 1883 Dr. Metcalf was married to Miss Savannah Lewis, of Kentucky, and to the union four children have been born. Dr. Metcalf is a physician in whom the people have great confidence. He has had a great deal of useful and practical experience extending over a period of nearly twenty years, and his past record is one which he can review with pride. In all these years he has been unusually successful and since locating in Mays he has had a degree of success with such cases as have been entrusted to his care, that will compare favorably with that of any physician in the county. He is earnest and conscientious in all of his professional work.



DR. METCALF'S OFFICE.

DR. JOSEPH LEVI LORD.

DR. JOSEPH LEVI LORD was born December 10, 1858 in Posey township this county, and is a son of James J. and Sarah (Billings) Lord. When the subject of this sketch was but a small child his parents removed to Howard County where they engaged in farming. It was here that the early life of Mr. Lord was spent until he was seventeen years of age when he returned to Rush County and for five years lived with his uncle, Henry Lord. During this time he attended the Rushville graded schools and later engaged in teaching in Union township. In 1878 he began reading medicine in the office of Sexton & Parsons. Two years later he enrolled himself as a student of the Medical College of Indiana, located at Indianapolis, and March 1st, 1882 he graduated from this institution with high honors. After receiving his diploma he located at Point Isabel, Grant County, this State and, for five years enjoyed a very satisfactory practice. In 1886 he was elected Coroner of Grant County on the Republican ticket and one year later he moved to Marion, the



FAMILY OF DR. LEVI LORD.

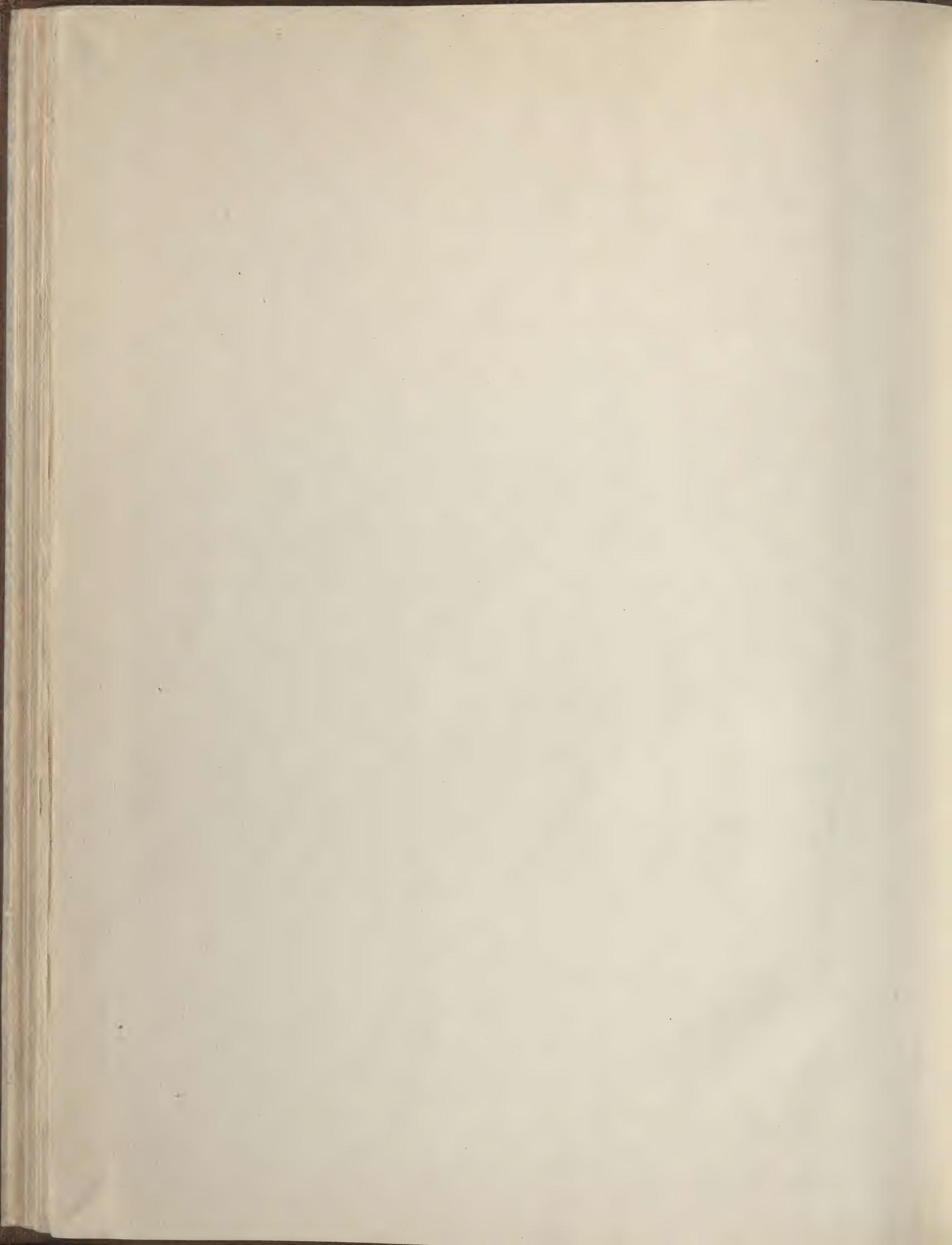
County seat, and from that time until 1898 he continued his residence in that city. It was then that he made the move to his present home in Rush County, where in addition to his comfortable home, he owns two splendid farms near that place. Dr. Lord was married March 14th, 1883 to Miss Queen V. Hamilton, of this County, and to the union three sons have been born. He is a member of the Grant County Medical Society and the Deleware District Medical Society. The doctor and his wife have always been active and energetic church workers and both are members of the Church of Christ. Dr. Lord has gained considerable notoriety as a writer of interesting religious sketches.

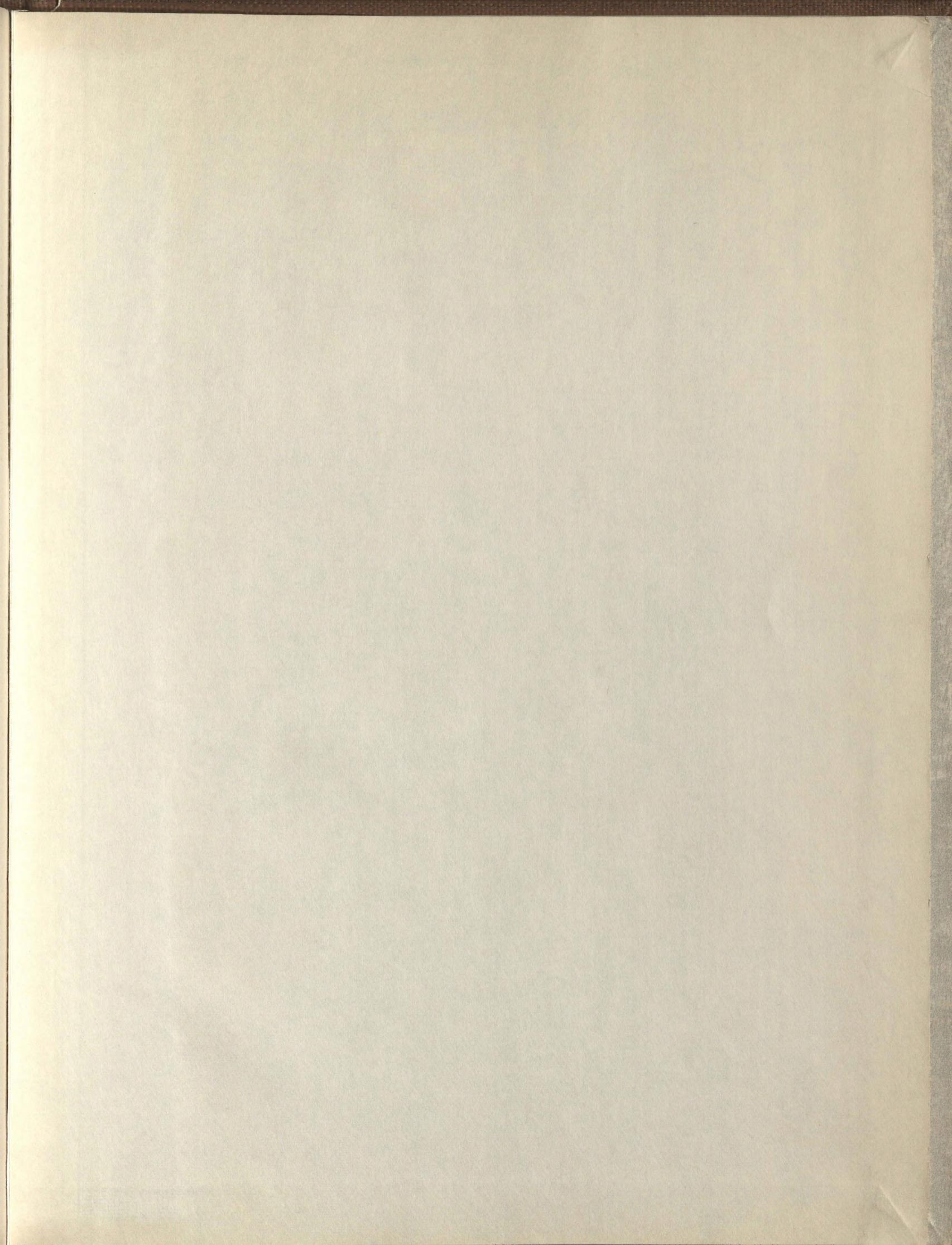


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